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JAPANESE THROWING ALL AVAILABLE FORCES INTO ACTION

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese, it is tacitly admitted by their headquarters, suffered extraordinarily heavy losses in actions fought on the western border of the International Settlement yesterday.

The battle which is still raging in that sector continues to be one of the most sanguinary engagements since the outbreak of hostilities.

The Japanese are throwing all available forces into action in order to exploit the success which they scored on Sunday night by crossing Soochow Creek, without regard to casualties sustained in their attacks.

Although the Chinese have made a number of counter-attacks, it now seems certain that the Japanese have so far succeeded in retaining their foothold on the southern bank of the Creek, though the Chinese lines remain unshaken and their machine-gun nests are taking deadly toll.

A violent artillery bombardment is shaking buildings in the western portion of the Settlement to their foundations, and the majority of foreigners in the district have evacuated.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m. To-day.

While severe fighting continues along the Soochow Creek, Japanese batteries and aircraft appear to be concentrating their activities
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CONFERENCE ABOARD U.S.S. AUGUSTA

Shanghai, 2 p.m. To-day.

An important conference was held this morning aboard the U.S.S. Augusta, attended by the British, French and American commanders-in-chief, Rear-Admiral Honda, on behalf of the Japanese Navy, and the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Okamoto.

It is understood that the international gathering, which aroused great speculation, was called for the

purpose of discussing a proposal for the creation of a neutral zone in South Shanghai, to include Nantao and Pootung.

The Chinese are believed to approve the proposal in principle, but the Japanese are said to be disapproving and the British and American commanders are reported to have expressed doubts regarding the practicability of the plan. The scheme is believed to be French in origin, designed to prevent the French Concession from becoming a critical danger zone.—Our Own Correspondent.

HUGE DOCK FIRE AT ROTTERDAM

Rotterdam, To-day.

A monster conflagration that broke out on Sunday night in the Rhine harbour burned itself out in the course of yesterday afternoon after it had totally consumed four huge warehouses and several large oil tanks.

The blaze started in the Java warehouse and, fanned by a strong wind, spread rapidly and defeated the efforts of the city's combined fire brigades and fire-floats.

JAPAN'S TERRIFIC STRAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

An indication of the appalling concentration of high explosive to which the Chinese forces were subjected before the fall of Tazang was given by the Japanese naval spokesman to-day, who stated that during the operations of October 25, 26 and 27, Japanese naval planes made 850 flights, dropped 2,720 bombs, with a total of 264 tons.—Our Own Correspondent.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE

A block of warehouses, 100 metres by 50, was completely gutted and huge quantities of tobacco, coffee and oil, valued at several million gulden, destroyed.

The warehouses of the Holland-America Line were only saved after a stiff battle.

Liners in the vicinity hurriedly cast off their moorings and moved to mid-stream to escape the showers of sparks from the blaze.

Most of the insurance of the warehouses was carried by Lloyd's.—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPANESE IN SHANSI REINFORCED

Taiyuan, To-day.

Six hundred Japanese were killed in a clash which occurred in the sector north of the city last night, when they attempted to break through the Chinese lines, according to a report received here.

The Japanese are now being reinforced in the north, but have so far not met with any success.

Japanese planes visit the city every day.

Two divisions stationed here left last night for the Ping Ting front, where one of the fiercest battles in North China is now raging.—Our Own Correspondent.

NORTH CHINA FIGHTING

Peiping, To-day.

Fighting on the different fronts in North China continues with varying fortunes.

The three-weeks deadlock north of Taiyuanfu has not been broken, in spite of a desperate Japanese attack against the Chinese positions in the Hsinkow Hills, but Japanese troops on the eastern front are advancing steadily. One force has reached Tseshih, on the railway 50 miles from Taiyuanfu.

Meanwhile the Chinese in North Honan are vigorously contesting passage of the Huan River, three miles north of Changteh.

The Japanese report the capture of several bridges and forts, assuring them a foothold on the south bank of the river.

In Suiyuan, a Japanese force from Paotow is reported to be approaching Wuyuan, on the road to Ninghsia.—Reuter.

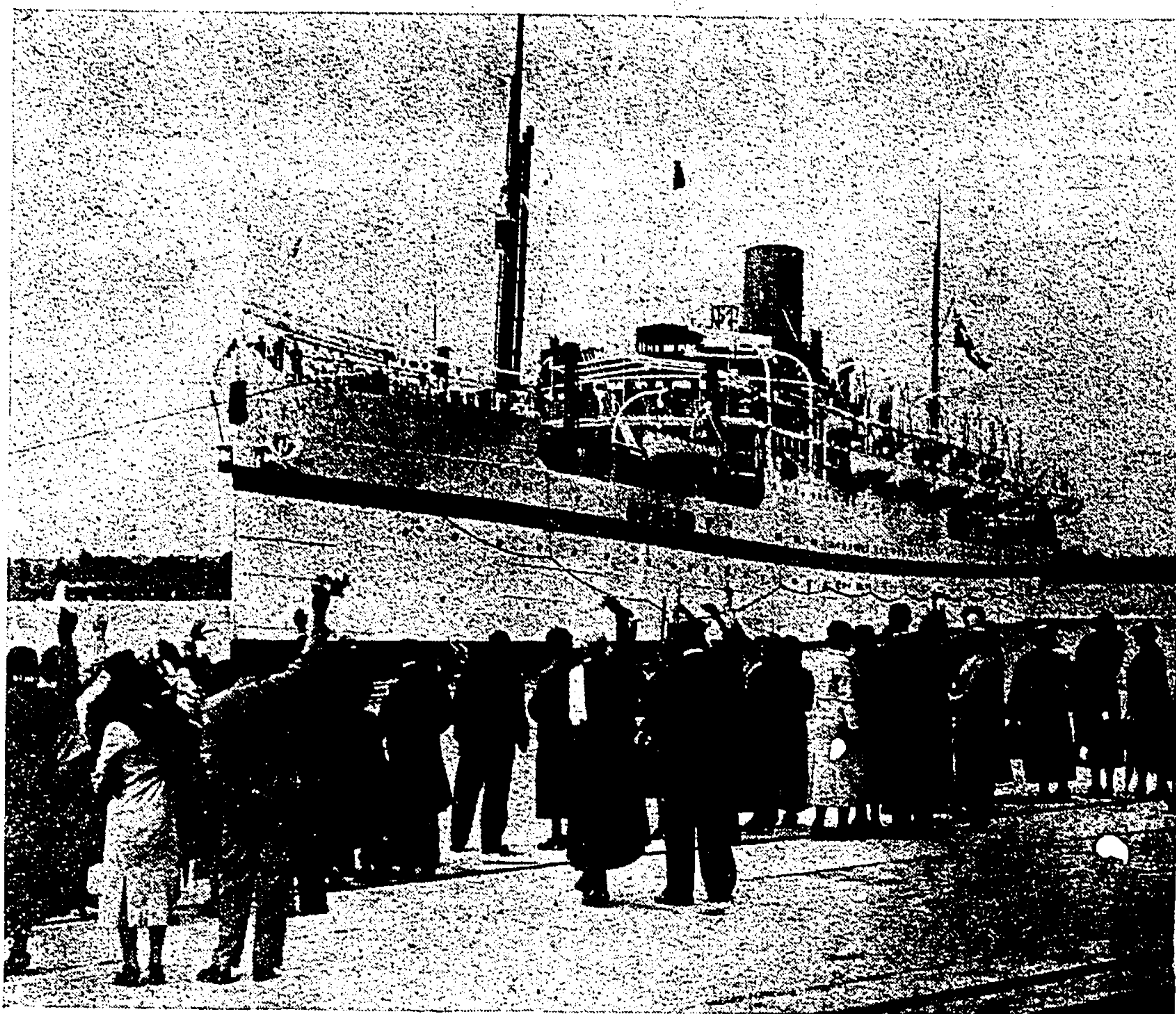
LONDON-CAIRO CONSULTATIONS ON DEFENCE

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said in the House of Commons yesterday that no official representations had been made by Egypt concerning the increase in the Italian forces in Libya which might affect Egypt.

He added, however, that consultations were going on between Egypt and Britain concerning defence measures under the recently signed military agreement between the two countries.—Reuter.

The s.s. "Bangalore" left Kobe on Saturday and is due here on Wednesday at about 8 a.m. She will moor at Buoy A3 and sail at 6 a.m. on Saturday.



Wives and children of men of the 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, who have been in Palestine for nearly a year, left Southampton on the troopship Nevasa to-day. They will be reunited in Egypt. The 2nd Batt. the Black Watch were also on board, Palestine bound. Photo shows the Nevasa leaving Southampton. (Fox Copyright).

GERMANY'S COLONIAL CLAIMS

London, To-day.

Commenting on the question of the former German colonies, the "Manchester Guardian" recalls that prior to accepting the disarmament conditions nineteen years ago, Germany had been given to understand that she could retain her colonial possessions.

Despite this assurance she had been deprived of them on the pretext that she was incapable of governing colonies.

The fact of the matter, says the journal, was that Germany lost her colonies because she lost the war and this fact would be a great incentive to her to try and win a new war in order to recover her former property.

The bulk of British public opinion favours settlement of the colonial problem, says the paper, within the framework of the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALY'S LINK WITH JAPAN AGAINST SOVIET

Tokyo, To-day.

A Tokyo newspaper states that Japan has agreed to include Italy in the anti-Comintern Pact with Germany.

Italy has abandoned her intention to conclude a bilateral agreement on the same basis with Japan, says the paper.

Formal announcement of Italian participation in the agreement will be made very shortly.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN OFF TO BRUSSELS

London, To-day.

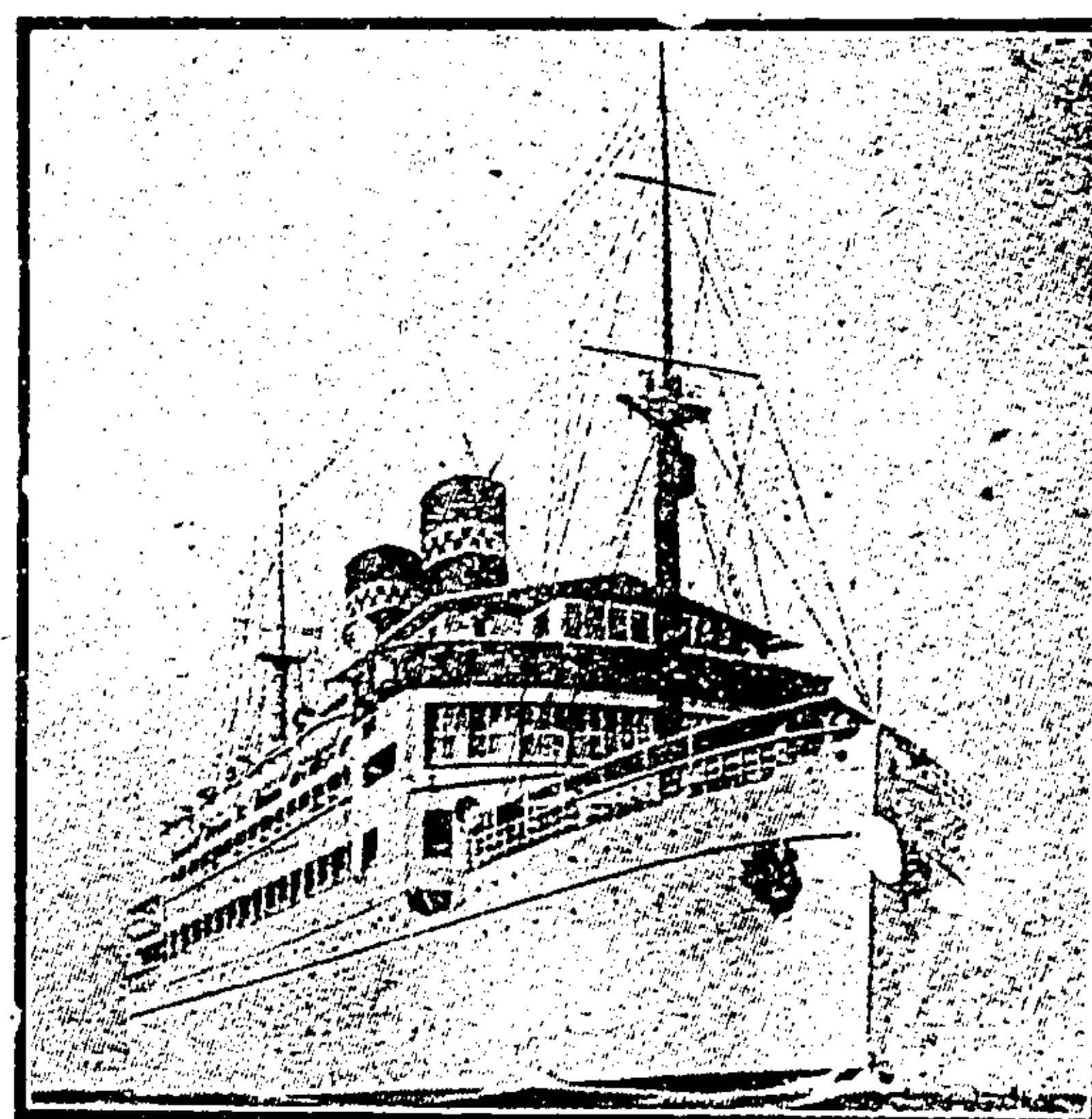
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, left London for Brussels, where he will represent Britain at the Nine-Power Conference.—Reuter.

UNIVERSITY OF TRAVANCORE

Madras, To-day.

The Maharajah of Travancore has issued a decree announcing the establishment of the University of Travancore for furtherance of research in applied sciences.—Reuter.

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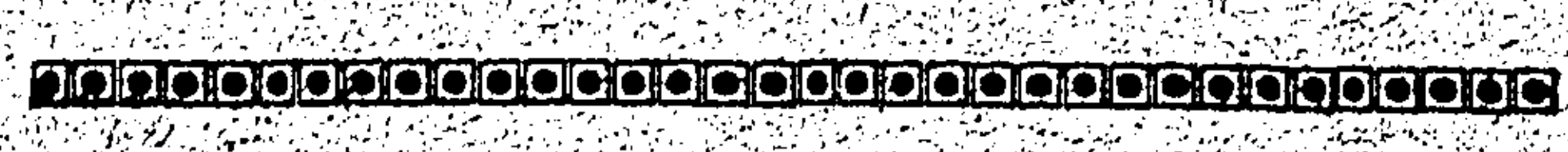
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Lakme (Delibes) Gitta Alpar.
Le Chaland Qui Passe (Bixio).
Love's Last Word (Cremieux).
Because (d'Hardelot).
A Little Love, A Little Kiss (Silesu) Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel: Dr. W. Y. Lin on "Whither Financial China?"
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). A Song For You And Me (Rizzi). The Man In The Street (Longstaffe). The Winding Road (Araby & Andrew).
7.10 p.m.—Ambrose & His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-

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tions and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Liszt.
Hungarian Fantasia For Piano And Orchestra Jacques Dupont (Piano) and the Orchestre Symphonique.
Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 12 Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems (Noel Coward) ... Columbia Light Opera Co.
King Of Jazz—Selection (Yellen & Ager) ... Regal Cinema Orchestra with Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ.
8.16 p.m.—London Relay—'Hampstead Heath'. The story of London's famous 'Northern Height'. A dramatic narration by Jonquil Antony. Produced by Leslie Stokes.
8.45 p.m.—Spanish Music.
Will O' the Wisp Song (polo). Maria Barrientos (Soprano). The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados) ... Ellen Joyce (Piano). Bouquet Of Spanish Songs. Sevillian Serenaders.

Triana (Albeniz).
Spanish Dance No. 3 (Granados).
New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.10 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.
The Black Domino—Overture (Auber, arr. Winterbottom).
Dance Of The Flowers—Valse (from 'Le Corsaire Ballet'—Belibes).
Slavonic Dance No. 5 (Dvorak—arr. Williams).
Faust—Ballet Music (Gounod).
(a) Valse for the Corps de Ballet
(b) Entry of the Nubian Slaves
(c) Entry of the Trojan Maidens
(d) Dance of Helen
(e) Bacchanale & Entry of Phryne
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Announcements.
9.50 p.m.—Variety.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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G.M.T.

7.00 a.m.—Big Ben. Violoncello Recital by Antonia Butler.
7.20 a.m.—'Palace Of Varieties.'
8.20 a.m.—The News And Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.30 a.m.
8.40 a.m.—'Empire Exchange.'
8.55 a.m.—Recital of Irish Songs.
9.15 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Swift Serenade'.

The Swift Serenade Concert Orchestra, with Violet Carson and David Porter.

11.15 a.m.—The BBC Welsh Orchestra.
12.00 p.m.—Music By Eric Coates.
12.15 p.m.—'Hampstead Heath'. The story of London's famous 'Northern Height'.
12.45 p.m.—Organ Recital.
1.15 p.m.—Stars of English Variety.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSD (from 3.45 p.m.) 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Scots Concert.
2.45 p.m.—'Slavonic Studies'.
3.15 p.m.—'All In Pink' (Second Series)—2. An Empire revue by Lauri Wylie.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Keyboard Music through the Ages—5: Clementi—Dussek.
4.45 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.89 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.
H.K.T.
3.00 p.m.—News and economic review.
3.30 p.m.—'Club of Nations'.
5.00 p.m.—Piano selections by Robert Schumann.
8.00 p.m.—News.
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.
11.15 p.m.—We announce the new month.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Terrible Error

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: A short time ago you published an article in which the defense blew up higher than a kite because, after one defender had shown his partner a stopper in a suit, the other promptly discarded every card in that suit and later searched frantically but fruitlessly for a means of putting the former on lead. This particular type of error, committed last night by a player who, to my knowledge, has had many years of experience, almost knocked me out of my seat.

West, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—7
H.—K J 6
D.—J 4 3 2
C.—A 10 8 4 3

WEST

S.—A J 10 6 4 3
H.—A 7 2
D.—A 6
C.—Q 9

EAST

S.—9 8 2
H.—10 8 5
D.—K 9 8 7
C.—6 5 2

SOUTH

S.—K Q 5
H.—Q 9 4 3
D.—Q 10 5
C.—K J 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 spade	2 clubs	Pass	2 no trump
Pass	3 clubs	Pass	3 no trump
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I was East. When North warbled 'two clubs' I could have sworn that he had his neck out from here to Hong Kong, but with that mess of mine I couldn't act merely on suspicion. The only excuse I can find for North-South's bidding is that they must have thought they could pick up three or four tricks against our defense. Well, their estimate was pretty good at that!

"My partner, a young woman who should have been contented to just

sit and be admired, opened the jack of spades, and declarer won with the king. The club suit was run off, declarer guessing the position of the club queen. On the fourth round I signaled with the nine of diamonds, figuring that my one chance to get on lead to come through the spades was with the diamond king. Dear partner chuckled a low heart on the third club and on the fourth, after seeing my diamond signal, made the sensational and, to me, highly satisfactory discard of the diamond ace. 'Well,' said I to myself, 'the little genius actually noticed my diamond signal and is preparing to put me on lead with a low diamond.' I even beamed a little.

"When the fifth club brought the discard of a low diamond from her, I was only a little nervous. Surely she had kept another diamond to put me on lead. Imagine my horror, then, when declarer, after running the clubs, planked down the heart king and my partner won with the ace and returned ... a heart! What's more, she actually beamed as she did it. Couldn't catch her establishing declarer's spade queen!

"So declarer rattled off three heart tricks for his contract while I still sat waiting to get in with my beautiful diamond king.

"I permitted myself just one bit of relief. I leaned over the table and said, 'Listen! Nobody is beautiful enough to do that to me! I quit!' And I did!

"Yours truly, "

"A. M. S., Brooklyn."

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Partner doubled an opening bid of one spade. Third hand redoubled. What strength should I have to make a penalty pass of the redoubled contract?

Answer: About two honour tricks and something like J-10 x or x x x x in the opponents' suit.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"The Range Feud," with Buck Jones and Susan Fleming. A good Western. Full of adventure and thrills.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Marked Woman," with Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Isabel Jewell, Lola Lane, Eduardo Cianelli and Raymond Hatton. A powerful drama of pitiless exploitation and its nemesis.

AT THE STAR—"Banjo on My Knee," with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea co-starred with support from Buddy Ebsen, Helen Westley, Walter Brennan and Walter Catlett.

AT THE KING'S—"God's Country And The Woman," with George Brent and Beverly Roberts, supported by Barton

MacLane, Robert Barrat and El Brendel in technicolour film.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Shall We Dance," with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire. The famous dancing team in a big show with six new song hits.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"The Road Back," with Barbara Read, John King, Richard Cromwell, Slim Summerville and Lionel Atwill. Intensely human, powerfully dramatic with a skilful blending of comedy, pathos and suspense the story vividly tells of life in Germany following the Armistice. It concerns the efforts of a group of boys to adjust themselves to conditions as they find them after four years of absence in the trenches. The sequel to "All quiet on the Western Front" and written in the same outspoken manner.



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ITALY'S ADHERENCE TO ANTI-RED PACT: GERMANY STRESSES NO MILITARISM

Rome, To-day.

Italy will announce in the course of the present week her adhesion to the German-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact, it is stated on good authority here.

It is not a question of drawing up a new treaty, as Italy will merely append signature to the one drawn up on November 25, last year, in Berlin, by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and the Japanese Ambassador, and directed against the Communist International.

Countries signing the treaty agree to inform each other with regard to the activities of the Communist International, to discuss requisite counter-measures and to carry these out in close collaboration.

Other countries are invited to join the treaty.

Italy's adhesion to the pact will be signed in Rome by the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, Herr von Ribbentrop and the Japanese Ambassador.

It is understood that the pact will not be extended in scope, in other words, it will not have any military character.—Trans-Ocean.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE ON TERRORISM

Geneva, To-day.

The conference organised by the League of Nations for combating international political terrorism, opened here yesterday with M. de Wiart (Belgium) in the chair.

Origin of the present action of the League against international terrorism dates back to the murder of King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia and the French Foreign Minister, M. Louis Barthou, at Marseilles, in October three years ago by members of a Croat terrorist organisation.

Following the murder, Yugo-Slavia, supported by the other Little Entente countries, protested that certain countries allowed terrorist organisations in their territories.

DRAFT AGREEMENT

A committee was formed, which drew up two draft agreements, which will now be examined by the conference, which is expected to last about three weeks.

First of the draft agreements proposes precise definition of international terrorism and also certain measures concerning extradition, as well as trade in firearms.

Objections are expected to be raised to the second draft agreement, which proposes creation of an international tribunal to deal with cases of international terrorism, several States having already indicated that they will not adhere to such a tribunal.

At the opening meeting yesterday, the Chairman reviewed the negotiations which have already taken place on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

BULGARIAN KING IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The King of Bulgaria, who arrived in London on Sunday, conferred yesterday with the Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir Robert Vansittart, says the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The paper says that although the King's visit is not of an official nature, "certain diplomatic matters" can be settled during his stay, most important of which is the question of Bulgarian rearmament.—Trans-Ocean.

Berlin Italian Art Exhibition

Berlin, To-day.

An exhibition of Italian art from 1800 to the present day, organised with the co-operation of the Italian Government, was opened here yesterday.

The exhibition was formally declared open by General Hermann Goering.—Trans-Ocean.

Valencia Exodus

Paris, To-day.

Over 50,000 persons have moved from Valencia to Barcelona with the Republican Government.—Trans-Ocean.

FRESH; FAIR

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that a feeble anti-cyclone is centred over Korea; the depression has moved eastward to the north of Hokkaido.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

Cortes To Meet In Barcelona

Barcelona, To-day.

The Speaker of the Cortes announced yesterday that sessions of the Cortes in future will be held in Barcelona, and not in Valencia, as hitherto.

Parliament offices will also be transferred to Valencia.—Trans-Ocean.

THIRTY FACTORIES BEGIN WORK IN SHANGHAI ON WITHDRAWAL FROM CHAPEI

Shanghai, To-day.

More than 30 factories have resumed work during the last few days by order of the Chinese Municipal Trade Board, since immediate danger to the industrial district has been removed by the withdrawal of the Chinese troops from Chapei.

The factories concerned are mostly cotton and silk mills and cigarette factories employing thousands of workers.

According to estimates of neutral observers published in the Chinese press, damage to house property and furniture in the war-stricken Chapei district alone amounts to more than \$200,000,000.

The largest part of Chapei is nothing but a heap of ruins. — Trans-Ocean.

JEAN WEEMS PIRACY OUTRAGE

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons for a statement in regard to the bombing and sinking of the British freighter Jean Weems, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday stated that the British Ambassador at Hendaye had already lodged a strong protest with the Nationalist authorities, who had undertaken at once to make a most searching inquiry.

The British Consul-General at Barcelona has also been instructed to submit a full report of the incident.

Meanwhile, the British Government were making contact with the French Government, with a view to considering arrangements to strengthen the measures against air attack now in force under the Nyon Agreement.

Asked whether this was a case of piracy, Mr. Eden replied that was exactly how he should regard it on his present information. — Reuter.

CHIANG'S ENVOY IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

General Chiang Kai-shek, personal emissary of General Chiang Kai-shek, arrived here yesterday.

It is understood that he is to establish contact with German political circles. — Trans-Ocean.

The Chairman of the Shanghai Refugees Committee acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of \$315 from Mr. Percy Gaunt, of Shanghai, as a contribution to the Shanghai Refugees Welfare Fund.

HERTZOG RESIGNATION DENIAL

Pretoria, To-day.

The South African Premier, General Hertzog, yesterday personally denied press reports that he intends resigning after the forthcoming elections.

General Hertzog stated that he continued to enjoy the best of health and hoped to be able to serve his country for a long time to come. — Trans-Ocean.

B.B.C. FOREIGN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR B.B.C. BROADCASTING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SIR JOHN SIMON, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Sir John recalled that the Ullswater Broadcasting Committee recommended that the appropriate use of languages other than English should be encouraged, and enquiries since made of British representatives abroad led to the conclusion that broadcasts from England would be welcomed, particularly in Spanish and Portuguese, by listeners in South American countries, and in Arabic by listeners in the Near East.

Replying to a question, Sir John said that German, Italian and other languages would not be excluded, but that a beginning would be made in the three tongues mentioned.

ACTION AUTHORISED

The B.B.C., fully realising the importance of the issues involved, had been examining the problem for some time and had made it clear that if the Government decided on action on the lines of the Ullswater recommendations, it would be desirable that the Corporation undertake to provide a satisfactory service as speedily as possible.

The Government had now requested the Corporation to take action in this connection.

It had been agreed that nothing should be done to prejudice the existing Empire service.

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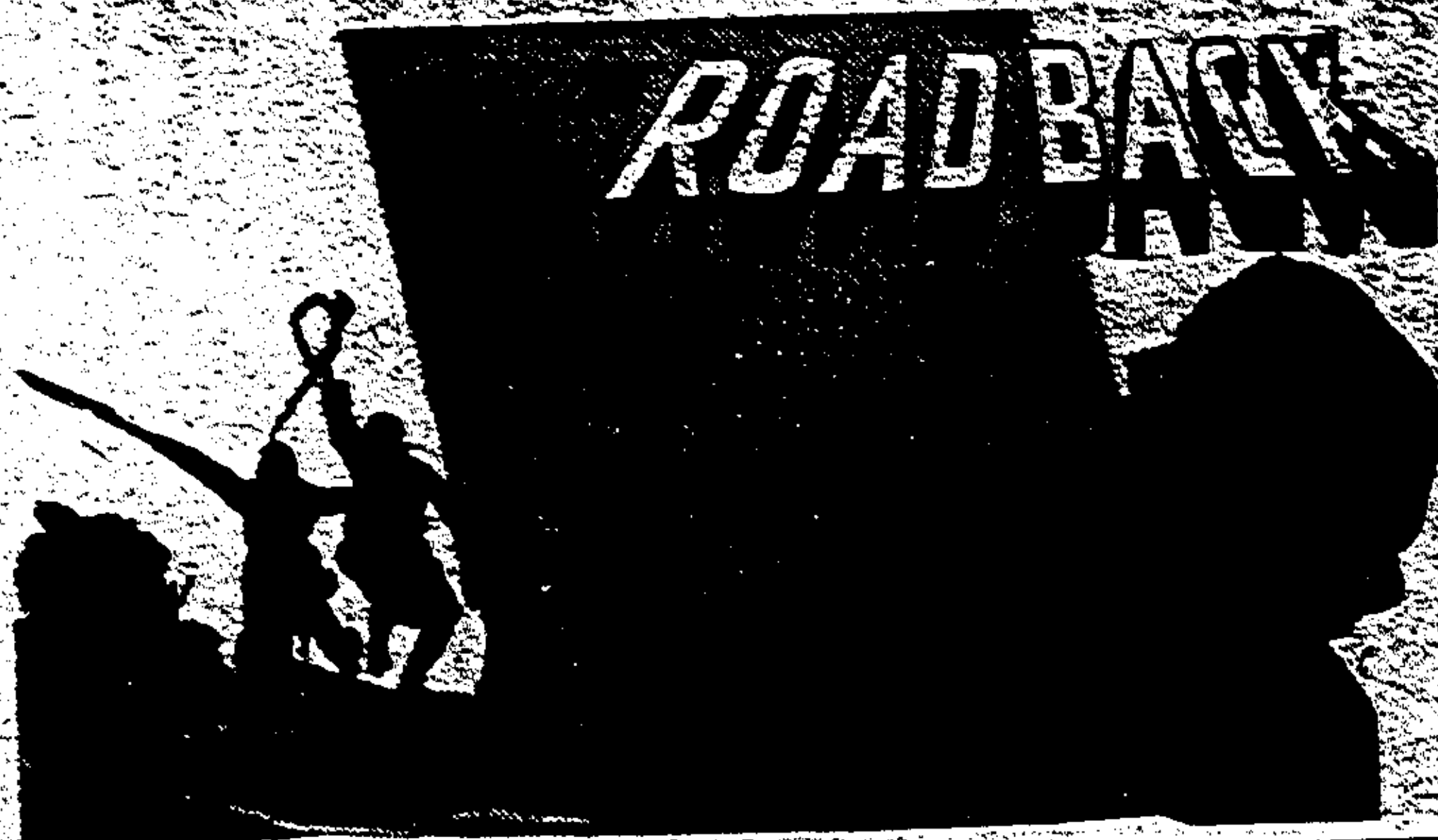
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Details would be announced shortly. — Reuter.

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Russia's Recalcitrance On Non-Intervention

DAMASCUS DEVASTATION

Jerusalem, To-day.
As the flood waters recede, the damage done in the week-end deluge in Syria is gradually being revealed.

A large area of country north of Damascus is a scene of desolation, with corpses strewn for miles around.

Relief work is proceeding apace, with drinking water being supplied from Damascus, local supplies having become contaminated.

Villages still cut off by the water are being provided with supplies from the air.

Survivors of the catastrophe talk of the amazing rapidity with which the waters rose, taking the entire countryside by surprise.—Trans-Ocean.

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME IS WAR

1940 Is Time For Arms Climax

New York, Oct. 23.
The war spirit of the world will reach its climax in 1940 or 1941, when present armaments reach their peak and current international issues come to a head, Mr. H. G. Wells, the writer, declared to the press yesterday after his visit to President Roosevelt, according to the "New York Times."

"I cannot imagine a more honest man than President Roosevelt in control of a great state," he said when asked if the President had any characteristics of a dictator. "I don't think you have any danger of a dictator in him."—Trans-Ocean.

MAY FIND HERSELF ISOLATED

London, To-day.
The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, had a long conversation with Lord Plymouth yesterday afternoon on to-day's non-intervention meeting.

IT IS NO LONGER BELIEVED, SAYS THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "EVENING NEWS," THAT RUSSIA WILL CHANGE HER ATTITUDE AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

Britain and France, he says, have informed Russia that if she would remain unbending in the question of belligerent rights, protection under the Nyon Agreement could no longer be afforded to Soviet ships.

If Russia would further refuse to grant belligerent rights to General Franco, he adds, a situation would arise that the Spanish Nationalists could search all suspect ships expect Russian vessels.

WARNING TO RUSSIA

The Nationalists might then take the law into their own hands, says the correspondent, and there would be complications.

The correspondent concludes by saying that Britain and France warned Russia she stood in danger of being isolated, and could not rely on aid from the Nyon signatories.—Trans-Ocean.

MAX SCHMELING SAILS FOR N. YORK

Berlin, To-day.

Max Schmeling will sail for New York on Friday this week on the Bremen preparatory to commencing training for his bout with Harry Thoma, of Chicago.

The fight is scheduled for December 30.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. WARSHIPS AT GIBRALTAR

London, To-day.
Four United States warships attached to the European squadron, put in at Gibraltar yesterday. They are the light cruiser Raleigh and the destroyers Blanton, Kane and Hatfield.—Trans-Ocean.

NANKING DESPATCHES REINFORCEMENTS TO SHANSI

Nanking, To-day.

The Chinese are rushing reinforcements to Shansi Province to check the Japanese advance on the provincial capital, Taiyuanfu.

It is announced semi-officially in Nanking that portions of the 8th Route Army are advancing from North Shansi to the south to support the Chinese troops concentrated near Yuanchuan, and will launch a joint offensive.

It is realised in Nanking that Japanese capture of Taiyuanfu would mean a dangerous weakening of the Chinese position in Shansi.

AT ALL COSTS

It is therefore declared that the Chinese line near Yuanchuan must be maintained under all circumstances.

The Chinese troops are also preparing an offensive on the Peiping-Hankow Railway line near the Chang River, in order to check the enemy drive southward and to throw the Japanese out of Honan.

Well-informed circles believe that the Chinese offensive in Shansi will start within the next three days.—Trans-Ocean.

SNANSI ATTACK BROUGHT TO A FULL STOP

Tientsin, 2 p.m. To-day.

The Japanese advance East Shansi has been brought to a halt. Their headquarters state that the forces opposing are massed in overwhelming numbers and strong reinforcements will be necessary before the offensive can be pursued.

The necessary diversion of troops to East Shansi is now proceeding, and strong reinforcements are also being sent to North Shansi.—Our Own Correspondent.

'Forgotten Island' Reported Found In Philippine Group

A traveller who has just returned to Manila from a trip to the Philippine Islands, reports that several hundred families are living in a small island of the Philippine group, forgotten by civilisation.

For a considerable length of time, ships have not come near the island owing to the extremely dangerous reefs. Moreover, it does not even figure in the records of the Manila Government.

The traveller declares that the inhabitants have returned to a completely savage state. There are no schools, and the majority of the population is illiterate.

Notified of this state of affairs, the Philippine Government intends to dispatch a mission whose first task will be to find this "forgotten island."

2 BRITISH SAILORS DROWNED

Boat Capsizes In Race

Leading Seaman William Forbes and Able Seaman Alexander M. Patterson, from the cruiser Leander, were drowned in Auckland Harbour when their galley capsized during a race.

The Leander, 7,140 tons, is a unit of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, but the two men were from Great Britain.

A New Zealand seaman was also drowned.

A naval expert said that all able seamen in the British Navy are taught to swim. "In normal circumstances they should be able to keep afloat," he said.

It seems probable that Forbes and Patterson fell overboard in a gale and were unable to keep swimming, or that they were exhausted by the coldness of the water.

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HOW FAR WILL UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN GO?

Crucial Question For Nine-Power Conference

LABOUR PARTY'S QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

"Does the British Government at the Nine-Power Conference intend to stand upon the principle of the Nine-Power Treaty, namely the integrity of China?" asked Major Clement Attlee, Opposition leader, winding up the House of Commons debate on the Labour motion of censure.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, replied: "Yes, we do."

"Under the Nine-Power Treaty each signatory pledges himself not to infringe the integrity of China and agrees in the event of breach of the Treaty to enter into consultation with regard to the situation created."

"That is the reason why the Brussels Conference is being held."

"It is an implementation of those undertakings that we are attending."

Major Attlee asked whether the Government would make no alliance, agreement or arrangement with any other state that infringed the integrity of China.

Sir John Simon replied that he could not say anything further.

"That is as far as I can go. It is as far as the United States has gone and in this matter we find ourselves standing with the United States."

The Labour motion of censure was defeated by 363 votes to 142.—*Reuter.*

DR. WELLINGTON KOO ARRIVES

Brussels, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador in Paris, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Ambassador in London, who are heading the Chinese delegation to the Nine-Power Conference, arrived here yesterday.

Also arriving yesterday were Mr. Wung Sz-king, Chinese Minister at The Hague, and Mr. Hoo Chi-tsai, Minister at Geneva.—*Reuter.*

STUDENTS' APPEAL

Brussels, To-day.

On the eve of the Brussels Conference, a number of organisations, including the General Students' Association, the Red Cross Students, the Students' Association for the League of Nations and the Socialist Students, have issued an appeal to the various delegations to assist China against Japan.

The appeal refers to the destruction of Chinese universities by the Japanese and to bombardments of open towns, and urges the delegates to prevent repetition of such occurrences.—*Trans-Ocean.*

DAILY EXPRESS GLOOMY

London, To-day.

Pessimism is the keynote of British press comment on the Brussels Conference.

The Daily Express says: "Before the conference can expect to meet, great military events are to be expected in China, and from the conference itself nothing concrete can be hoped for."—*Trans-Ocean.*

NO OPTIMISM

Anglo-American Co-operation

London, To-day.

With the departure of the British delegation, headed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Far Eastern conflict has moved again into the foreground of public interest here after having been overshadowed during the past week by non-intervention.

Political circles are not optimistic regarding prospects of success of the Brussels Conference, especially in the absence of Japan, and take the view that the only possibilities open to the conference—since economic coercive measures of any kind have practically been rejected beforehand—will be firstly to address an appeal to both parties combined with an offer of mediation, and secondly to reach an understanding regarding the future attitude of the Powers towards eventual steps to be taken to put an end to hostilities.

MR. DAVIS'S INSTRUCTIONS

It is considered that the fate of the conference must to a certain degree depend on the possibility of Britain and the United States



MR. NORMAN DAVIS is credited with far-reaching instructions on the question of American co-operation with Great Britain.

reaching agreement on joint action in the Far East, and it is believed that the leader of the American delegation, Mr. Norman Davis, has received far-reaching instructions on this subject.

Pessimism in regard to the conference has increased in consequence of the announcement that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, will not travel to Brussels, so that no personal contact will be established between the British and Italian Foreign Ministers, although such contact is not in itself necessary to success of the conference.—*Trans-Ocean.*

GRAND MUFTI TO STAY IN SYRIA

Beirut, To-day.

An official denial was issued by the French authorities yesterday of their intention, reported in the press, of expelling the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem from Syria.

No action of the sort is contemplated at present, says the statement, as negotiations on the subject are continuing between Paris and London.

A statement by the Iraqi consulate says there is no truth in the report that the Grand Mufti has been invited to Baghdad by the King of Iraq.—*Trans-Ocean.*

ITALY SENDS DELEGATION

Rome, To-day.

The Italian delegation to the Nine-Power Conference left for Brussels yesterday.

The delegation is headed by the former Italian Ambassador to Berlin, Signor Marescoti.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Sub-Inspector Edwards has reported that while driving his car in Connaught Road Central yesterday, he knocked down Leung Ching, aged 58, who ran in front of the car.

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JAPAN'S WAR IN CHINA

The stakes for which Japan is playing on the mainland of Asia are steadily increasing. As the scope of the conflict with China has widened both the rewards of victory and the penalties of failure loom larger.

This conflict has already passed through three distinct phases. From the first firing at Lukouchiao on July 7 until the forcible occupation of the Peking-Tientsin area in the last week of July foreign diplomats and Japanese of moderate views hoped against hope that the whole affair might be only an unusually severe local "incident," capable of adjustment without serious fighting. Until fighting set in around Shanghai in mid-August there was still the possibility that the undeclared war might be on a limited scale, restricted to North China. Now all such illusions must be discarded. Japan and China are engaged in a major test of national power. The humpty-dumpty equilibrium in the Far East, always precarious, has broken down and can never be restored in its original form.

The balance of power set up in the Far East by the Washington political and naval treaties of 1922 was upset by the Japanese occupation of Manchuria in 1931, which was more recently followed by Japan's repudiation of naval limitation on the basis which had been accepted at Washington. Up to July it had seemed that a new balance of power, based not on paper treaties but on new elements of national strength in the Orient, was coming into being. Japanese aggressive expansion had evoked counter-forces—a growing sense of Chinese national unity, an impressive concentration of Soviet military and air power in Eastern Siberia, the acceleration of the mighty Singapore naval base and the sweeping British programme of naval construction. These counter-forces have not, however, proved strong enough to restrain Japan's military leaders from embarking on what is in fact, if not in name, a major war of conquest which is likely to make some striking changes in the map of Asia. British preoccupations nearer home and the internal demoralisation in the Soviet Union which is reflected in the last year's extraordinary crop of executions, arrests, and demotions in the higher ranks of the Soviet bureaucracy and the Red Army seem to assure Japan against intervention from either of these sources. The United States' passive mood in regard to foreign adventures is reflected in the decision to withdraw from the Philippines within the next decade and in the Neutrality Act which waives in advance many of the traditional neutral rights, the assertion of which led to American participation in the World War.

As for China, Japanese military men are confident of their ability to smash its military power within a few months provided there is no outside intervention or extensive foreign military aid to China. What does Japan expect to gain from the largest and most expensive military enterprise in which it has engaged since the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-5? A seasoned Japanese publicist recently summarised to me the optimistic view of the course and results of the present conflict in the following way—

Within six months the Nanking Government will see itself so com-

An Expanding Adventure: Anxiety At Home

By a Special Correspondent in the "Manchester Guardian."

pletely defeated on all fronts that it methods will supplement the con- will face the alternative of losing all tinent heavy industry which is power and witnessing the dissolution already being built up in Manchu- of China into several separate re- kno. It is also an important con- gimes or coming to an agree- sideration that our left flank against with us. I am confident some the Soviet Union will be vastly Chinese statesmen, at least, will strengthened by the change of re- prefer the second alternative. While gime in North China and the pos- the costs of the campaign are heavy, sible emergence of a friendly au- part of the expenses of occupation tonomous Mongolian State. will be paid by the Chinese. A An ebullient Japanese diplomat, peaceful and friendly local adminis- Mr. Toshio Shiratori, former Minis- tration in North China offers us ter to Sweden, recently set forth a several advantages. There will be still more ambitious plan—namely, no further sabotage of four schemes China's total disarmament, with Ja- of economic development in that pan altruistically assuming the bur- region. Within a decade, if not den of "defending the country," sooner, North China can make us Mr. Shiratori's arguments on be- much more independent of America half of his scheme are almost as and British India as regards our strange and naïve as the idea itself supply of cotton. . . . A develop- As he wrote in the magazine "Dia- ment of the transportation system mond": To speak of a greater ideal, I coal and iron resources by modern would like to suggest that China

abolish all the armaments through- out the country and entrust Japan with the maintenance of peace and order. . . . If it is my belief that, if left in charge of Japan, China will certainly find herself more strongly defended than otherwise. She is in danger of being beaten by Japan only when she maintains troops, but Japan will have nothing to beat if China has no troops. For China it is dangerous to keep troops, and it is safe to give up armaments.

Along with these extravagant hopes of turning China north of the Yellow River into a second Manchukuo and reducing the remainder of the country to complete subservience, there are apprehensions which beset the consciousness of sober and realistic Japanese, even in the present atmosphere of flag-waving salutes to departing conscripts, loud "banzais" at every railway station, wholesale contributions to the army and navy, and general militant patriotism. The wounding of the British Ambassador to China by a machine-gun bullet from a Japanese aeroplane, the shell of unknown origin that struck the American flagship *Augusta*, causing one death and a number of injuries, the raid on the Soviet Consulate in Tientsin are examples of the kind of war-time "incidents" that may lead to friction with foreign Powers. The danger of such occurrences increases in proportion to the scope and duration of the struggle. The problem of preventing war supplies from reaching China without either declaring a formal blockade, and thereby inviting the application of the American Neutrality Act, or becoming involved in disputes with foreign Powers over searches of their vessels is likely to become increasingly perplexing.

Moreover, it is by no means certain either that Nanking will submit or that its submission would mean an end of Chinese resistance. "Asahi," a leading Tokio newspaper, in a recent leader rather gloomily noted the possibility that the soldiers of the defeated Chinese armies might become "Communist bandits." The sequel to a short and spectacular organised military drive against the weaker Chinese forces may be a protracted, wearing, never-ending struggle with elusive guerrilla bands.

Finally, Japan's economic and financial position is not favourable to a sustained large-scale war. The appropriations for hostilities which began only a few weeks ago already almost equal the whole Budget for the fiscal year, a Budget which was, incidentally, badly out of balance before the fighting began. What is still more serious is the paucity of reserves in gold and foreign exchange. The present Japanese gold reserve is about £100,000,000 sterling. While this is probably sufficient to cover the special purchases abroad and the more unfavourable trade balance which are necessary results of the present conflict, it would be highly risky to dissipate all or even a large part of the reserve when a much more serious war with Russia may be the sequel to the present operations in China. For, while a great extension of the frontier contiguous with the Soviet Union and its dependency, Outer Mongolia, may spell security to the military mind, it greatly increases the possibility of border friction, of which there has already been so much along the Siberia-Manchukuo frontier.

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

HERE are some strange stories from many parts of the world.

A robin which has taken to fishing is puzzling scientists in Manitoba. They claim that it is the first case of its kind.

The robin stands for hours at the edge of a pool, and from time to time snatches venturesome minnows from the water in its bill.

"I killed my mother with an axe because she was a werewolf," so the father of five children is alleged to have told the Chicago police when arrested in connection with the murder of his 60-year-old parent.

The body of the woman, horribly hacked about head and body, was discovered by the children playing in the basement of the house.

Mr. P. J. Pretorias, manager of an Orange Free State farm has collected the following articles from the intestines of one of his cows, which died after ailing for some weeks:

- 4 pieces of bent wires,
- 1 piece of straight wire, sticking through the heart
- 11 pieces of tin,
- 3 strands of barbed wire
- 1 stone.

Workmen rebuilding a safe in the wall of a jeweller's shop at Idan Oberstein saw something glittering between two boards.

It was a £200 diamond which the jeweller's father, since dead, had lost thirty years before when it disappeared from his desk.

A venerable old man with a flowing beard was stopped on a Cairo street by a police officer who suspected him of being in possession of drugs.

He was taken to the police station and thoroughly searched, but nothing was found until the policeman thought of lifting the beard.

Woven into the hairs and cunningly hidden was a small packet of heroin.

A six-year-old boy of Baroda startled his mother one day by relating what he called incidents of his "former life."

He said he was previously born at Poona of parents who belonged to Paten, a village on Baroda State.

All the details of his story were verified when he and his mother visited Paten. There he pointed to a house and said it was the one owned by the uncle with whom he had lived.

This was corroborated by the inmates, and doctors are to make a detailed investigation into the case.

A negress of Caridade, Rio Grande de Norte, has died at the age of 120.

"Mae Prets" by name, the old woman was engaged in domestic work at the time of her death and went regularly to Mass every Sunday.

A craze for making long-distance telephone calls without money to pay for them has got a 23-year-old commercial traveller into trouble with the Latvian police.

Taking eight telephone numbers of English, German and Swedish hotels at random from travel advertisements, he went to a public telephone box, and told the operator he was telephone mechanic and wanted the numbers for testing.

He thus got the thrill of speaking with eight foreign subscribers for one penny plus the fine he will now have to pay.

JAPANESE SUFFER DISASTROUS LOSSES

But Gain Foothold On South Bank Of The Creek

BLOODIEST FIGHTING OF SHANGHAI WAR

INTENSIFIED CLASHES DURING NIGHT

Shanghai, To-day.

It is now certain that a large force, which, although the Japanese claim it to be around 8,000, is actually not more than 5,000, has gained a foothold on the south bank of Soochow Creek in spite of a gallant defence by the Chinese.

The Japanese lost cruelly in the crossing, which was carried out under heavy machine-gun fire.

Admitting the Japanese crossing, the Chinese state that they themselves are continually launching counter-attack and that the position of the Japanese was precarious.

Yesterday was a field day for the Japanese tanks, which went into action on the Tazang-Nanzhang road in greater numbers than at any time in the war so far, though they were hampered by being compelled to keep to the road owing to the motars-like nature of the country side.

OBJECT OF THE BATTLE WAS TO CUT OFF THE CHINESE TROOPS ALONG SOOCHOW CREEK FROM THE HINTERLAND, BUT IN SPITE OF HEAVY LOSSES, THE JAPANESE GAINED LITTLE OR NO TERRITORY.

A foreign military observer of the Soochow Creek fighting yesterday told Trans-Ocean: "This is the bloodiest fighting to date."—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE IN COSTLY FAILURE

Shanghai, To-day.

In spite of extremely severe fighting all night, which gave residents in the western district another disturbed night, the tightly knit network of Chinese machine-gun nests along the south bank of Soochow Creek continues to block the desperate and costly attempts of Japanese troops to establish footholds on the shore of the waterway from Jessfield to the Rubicon.

Despite incessant pounding by heavy Japanese artillery the Chinese defence works, although described by observers as hastily prepared, have been able hitherto to withstand the repeated assault of Japanese forces.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS

Meanwhile, Japanese determination speedily to complete encirclement of Shanghai and push the Chinese forces further westward, is shown by reliable information that further reinforcements are being sent to Shanghai.

The liners, Nagasaki Maru and Shanghai Maru, which run an express service between Kobe and Shanghai, have now been added to the large number of Japanese ships being used as transports. The first batch of fresh troops are leaving for Shanghai to-day.—Reuter.

ULSTERS GIVEN RELIEF

Shanghai, To-day.

After a gruelling time guarding the western defence sector, the Royal Ulster Rifles have been replaced by the Loyal Regiment.

The Ulsters will not guard the sector again prior to their departure from Shanghai on November 25.

They are to be replaced by the Durhams.—Reuter.

GERMAN DENIAL OF MILITARY PACT WITH ITALY

Berlin, To-day.

"It can categorically be stated that Germany has no military alliance with Italy," declared official quarters last night in reply to a suggestion that there was an unwritten Italo-German understanding to give each other military aid in certain eventualities.—Reuter.

Mrs. C. Branson, of No. 371, The Peak, has reported the loss of a basket, containing clothing, from her car No. 4146 while it was parked near the St. John's Cathedral.

FRENCH SEEK ADVANCE OF DEFENCE LINE

Shanghai, To-day.

In view of the fighting endangering the western district of the foreign areas, the French authorities are said to have entered into negotiations with the Chinese and Japanese in order to obtain advance of the French defence lines as far as the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway line.

Should this extension of the neutral area be realised, the safety of the foreign settlements would be better assured, and several Chinese hospitals would become out of reach of the actual fighting.

The Chinese authorities are favourably inclined to the French proposal, Trans-Ocean learns, while no answer so far has been received from the Japanese.

It is hardly believed that the Japanese will accept, since it would render attack on Nantao more difficult.—Trans-Ocean.

CHEN KUNG-PO AS NANKING EMISSARY

Nanking, To-day.

The Nanking Government has appointed the former Minister for Industry, Mr. Chen Kung-po, as Ambassador Extraordinary, and has charged him with visiting Britain, France, Germany, Italy and other European countries, in order to "deepen the friendship between China and these countries."

Mr. Chen has also been instructed to express to these nations the gratitude of the Chinese people for the sympathies shown them during the time of crisis.—Trans-Ocean.

COMINTERN AND ELECTION

Moscow, To-day.

The general secretary of the Comintern, Dimitrov, has been nominated a candidate for the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union at the coming elections, says "Pravda."—Trans-Ocean.

COL. BECK'S ACHIEVEMENTS FOR POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

Eulogies of the Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck, were contained in all Polish newspapers yesterday, the fifth anniversary of his taking over office.

Results achieved during this period, says one paper, may be summed up in the words "We do not covet our neighbour's goods but neither do we intend to relinquish any of our own."

Another paper says: "It is due to Col. Beck that Poland's foreign policy has become independent and is dictated exclusively by the interests of the State."

"We are now able to settle disputes with other nations without foreign mediation."—Trans-Ocean.

FIRE MENACES PANTHEON

Paris, To-day.

A fire that threatened to rob France of one of her most treasured national monuments, broke out last night at the Pantheon, near the Luxembourg Gardens on the left bank of the Seine.

The Pantheon was erected in the eighteenth century to commemorate the recovery from a serious illness of King Louis XV, and was later used as the last resting place of the illustrious dead of France.

Passers-by noted flames rising from the cupola and fire brigades, after a severe struggle, subdued the conflagration.—Trans-Ocean.

POSSESSION OF MAUSER AND BROWNING

Cheung Yuen, aged 40, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with possession of a Mauser pistol and a Browning revolver together with 162 rounds of ammunition, at No. 1, Wood Road, without a licence. The arms were ordered to be confiscated and defendant was cautioned.

Mr. M. W. Lo was for the defendant and Sub-Inspector L. R. Whant was in charge of the case.

It was stated that defendant was the son of a wealthy Straits Chinese who died in 1916. It was only 10 days ago that the defendant found the arms in a trunk. He intended taking advice as to their disposal, but in the meantime, information was given to Police and the premises were raided.

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ROOSEVELT ON DEMOCRACY

When dictators or their lieutenants address the faithful of their respective communities on world order and the future they do not seem to be always of the same mind on the subject of democracy. Sometimes that system of free government by popular and unimpeded choice is served up as a legend emptied of concern — a sort of "Shiva's temple," far away from the reach of reality and the actual world, where a few flint chippings worked from long outdated doctrines give evidence of something like useful industry in the past but the present is nothing but rank overgrowths of idle heresy. That portrait of the democratic principle presents it as something about as much concerned with real life as the craters on the moon. But as the "Manchester Guardian" points out, the picture fails to fit in with available facts, and as they must make themselves recognised even in totalitarian States, another version is necessary for other times. Democracy is rescued from the frosty, palaeolithic stage and allowed to be alive, but it represents a doomed, transition period on the all-Red route to Bolshevism; democracies, announces Dr. Rosenberg at Nuremberg, are as helpless as "a rabbit before a rattlesnake" when confronted with the insidious advance from the Russian front. Both those portraits, the dead relic and the living but terrified victim, are preposterous and both are self-interested; they are drawn not from life but from an urgent need to prop up Fascist systems which are a negation of democracy. And it must be rather troublesome to the painters of those portraits to see them so vigorously swept aside as they were in the resounding defence of democracy which President Roosevelt delivered at Washington when he presented that order of government as the

one still embraced "by the overwhelming majority of the nations of the world and by the overwhelming majority of the people of the world."

The democratic order as we see it at present has its defects, and a President of the United States has as much reason to be aware of them as any statesman living in the modern world. Moreover, as Mr. Roosevelt admitted, Nazi and Fascist systems can point to some "material things" gained for their peoples "which they could not have obtained under democracies which they had failed to make function." Therein, it may be, lies a danger just as insidious as any influence from Russia which the dictators of the Right command us to resist and abhor; the slow seeping in of a belief that perhaps a little admixture of dictatorship offers a short cut to some types of social betterment. A recent spinner of fairy tales was working along those lines when he made his remarkable discovery that every other Englishman was ready to sigh "Oh, if we could only have a Hitler here for six months!" It would be hard to find such an aspiration in Britain in actual fact, for if we have been taught anything by the news and even by the official propaganda from totalitarian States it is that there is no such thing as dictatorship on the instalment principle. Those who believe in democracy for themselves must hold to democracy and make it work.

Industrial Mortality

A new and rather depressing branch of vital statistics is expounded in the current "Economic Journal" by Mr. P. W. S. Andrews. It is that of the death-rates of public companies quoted on the London Stock Exchange. The results are startling. He takes the records of 481 representative companies floated between 1919 and 1932. More than a third of them are now dead. From the grisly analysis Mr. Andrews constructs a tentative life table. There is, he finds, a 3 per cent. chance of a company dying in its first year, a 9 per cent. chance of death within two years, a 25 per cent. chance within seven years, a 30 per cent. chance within ten years. The incidence of mortality differs, of course, among the various sections of the company population. Taking the first five years of the companies registered in the post-war period of 1919-29, the investor can reflect that if he put his money into electric and wireless flotations he stood a 60 per cent. chance of losing it. Had he put it in motors 40 per cent. of his companies would have died, in transport 38 per cent., in building and roads 33 per cent., in food 32 per cent., in textiles 22 per cent. Had he stuck to investment companies he would have seen only 5 per cent. go down. Company mortality is, of course, the inevitable risk of the investment system and in some ways the price of progress. Perhaps the Companies Act of 1929 may make the record of more recent companies better; there was room for it, for of the companies floated in Britain in the two years 1928-9 no fewer than two-fifths were dead by the end of 1934 — a short life and not a merry one, except possibly for their promoters.

CO-OPERATION WITH ALL: DICTATION FROM NONE

Mr. Anthony Eden's Statement On British Policy

ITALY'S SUPPORT OF GERMANY'S CLAIM TO COLONIES

London, To-day.

In his speech on foreign affairs in the debate on the Address in the Commons yesterday, the Foreign Secretary said: "The House will no doubt have observed that during recent days a country which has itself, as the outcome of the Great War, gained very considerable accessions of territory in Europe and also received certain territorial concessions in African possessions, has announced support of Germany's claim to the return of her Colonies."

"I do not desire to add anything at this moment about this claim so far as it concerns Germany and ourselves, but I must now declare plainly that we do not admit right of any Government to call upon us for a contribution when there is no evidence to show that that Government are prepared to make any contribution on their own part."

This statement was received with cheers, and Mr. Eden then turned to some of the criticisms that have fallen from the Opposition in the course of the 3-days' debate.

He ridiculed the suggestion that the Government by the vigour of their action in securing the Nyon Arrangement and their failure to bring the non-intervention committee to the effective decision had shown greater concern for British Imperial interests than for international law.

NYON AGREEMENT

The agreement reached at Nyon was for the purpose of protecting the freedom of commerce in the Mediterranean of all the nations using it. Having dealt with Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms regarding the Government's past policy at the time of the Manchurian and Abyssinian disputes, Mr. Eden reminded Mr. Noel Baker, who had complained of the withdrawal of the Spanish question from League procedure that members of the League were divided on the issue of the Spanish Civil War.

Mr. Baker's other complaint had been the reference by the League of the present Sino-Japanese dispute to a conference under the aegis of the Nine Power Treaty. Mr. Baker had, Mr. Eden observed, failed to appreciate the position the United States would occupy at Brussels.

U.S. AND BRUSSELS

"Surely the difference is vital. At Geneva, in advisory committee the United States representative is only present as an observer taking no part in the proceeding and having no responsibility for the decisions. Any act, whatever the character of any act that can be taken in the Far Eastern dispute does essentially depend on the cooperation of United States."

Then Mr. Baker had implied that it was the result of British pressure that the conference was to be held in Brussels.

"It is not always easy to lift the veil of diplomatic secrecy, but in this case I feel I ought to make it plain

that the initiative for the holding of the Conference in Brussels did not come from us at all, but from the United States Government itself."

SPANISH WAR

Answering Mr. Lloyd George's argument that non-intervention worked entirely in favour of the insurgents, the Foreign Secretary remarked: "I think we must admit one result, though not the aim of the Nyon conference has been to facilitate the arrival of very large quantities of material in Spanish Government waters and that there have been enormous quantities of material arriving at Spanish Government ports throughout this year."

From January to September Russia had shipped to Spain nearly 10 times by weight and 4½ times by value as much as in the corresponding period of 1936. The Russian Army publication contained accounts of the crushing superiority of the Republican Air Force in Spain though it did not say from where its very up-to-date machines had come.

Replying to an interjection from Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Eden said: "I am very reluctant to weigh the scales. I think it is fair to say I could not stand at this box and tell the House that there has been more material reaching the insurgent forces than the Government forces during this summer."

BELLIGERENT RIGHTS

He then reminded the House that the refusal to grant belligerent rights to the two sides in Spain had handicapped the side strongest at sea.

In the opinion of many good observers, the insurgents were paying a heavy price at sea for the assistance they were getting on land from foreign nation also and those observers considered the insurgents would be making a very good bargain if they allowed foreigners to go and used the immense power that would be put into their hands by even a limited form of belliger-

BRITAIN ACCEPTS ANOTHER APOLOGY

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Office issued a statement yesterday that the British Government had accepted an apology from the Japanese Government regarding the recent attack on three Embassy cars in which Britishers were travelling from Nanking to Shanghai. The incident is now regarded as closed.—Reuter.

ent rights. It was not proved by any means that the balance of the advantage of non-intervention had been all on one side.

In the meantime, non-intervention had been an important contribution to peace by preventing the spread of the war. He declined to accept the view that victory for the insurgent forces would necessarily result in a Spanish Government hostile to — or in active alliance with other Powers against — Great Britain. The forces of trade and of geography and the logic of British command of the sea would work in the other direction.

LEAGUE WEAKNESS

Referring to the League, Mr. Eden said he had to face the practical difficulty of the weakness of League membership to-day. He was not arguing about whose fault it was. Of the seven great Powers only three were members. How could it possibly be said that if only you put faith and confidence into it, you would have the overwhelming force of the League behind you. No-one regretted that position more than he.

"You will not have an enduring peace until all nations accept to be bound — as we accept to be bound — by international law and until the force against any potential aggressor is overwhelming."

"TRUCULENCE"

Observing that the British, while ready enough to discuss anyone's difficulties would not be moved by truculence, a tendency to which, he thought, was on the increase — a method of "proclaiming a virtual ultimatum and calling it peace" — Mr. Eden said: "Let me sum up the foundations of our foreign policy in the uncertain conditions of to-day. While we are determined, should the necessity arise, to defend our own vital interests, and fulfil our own international obligations, we will embark on no actions which will be contrary to the text or the spirit of the Covenant or the Paris Pact. We believe in the principle of the settlement of disputes by peaceful means and will do our utmost to secure the general acceptance and observance of that principle. While we recognise that the League is at present seriously handicapped by its incomplete membership, we believe it still provides the best means for obtaining that result."

DICTATION FROM NONE

"We shall not be deaf to proposals for League reform provided none."

DECLARATION OF WAR DEMANDED

Tokyo, To-day.

It is reliably learned that the Japanese military authorities are exerting strong pressure on the Government with the object of inducing the Cabinet to send an official declaration of war to the Nanking Government.

Whether the Cabinet will see itself obliged to give way to this demand, is a matter which largely depends upon the attitude which the Brussels Conference adopts in dealing with the Far East, and also upon the strength of the Japanese military thesis that official declaration of war, with its consequent blockade of the China coast, would help bring the war to a speedy close.—Trans-Ocean.

THE MAHATMA GANDHI'S HEALTH ALARM

Calcutta, To-day.

Mahatma Gandhi, who has been given permission to see the Governor of Bengal to discuss release of political prisoners, has postponed his departure from Calcutta owing to a considerable rise in his blood pressure and the condition of his heart.

Indication that his condition is regarded seriously is given by the fact that members of the Congress Working Committee who were to have left Calcutta last night, have also postponed their departure.—Reuter.

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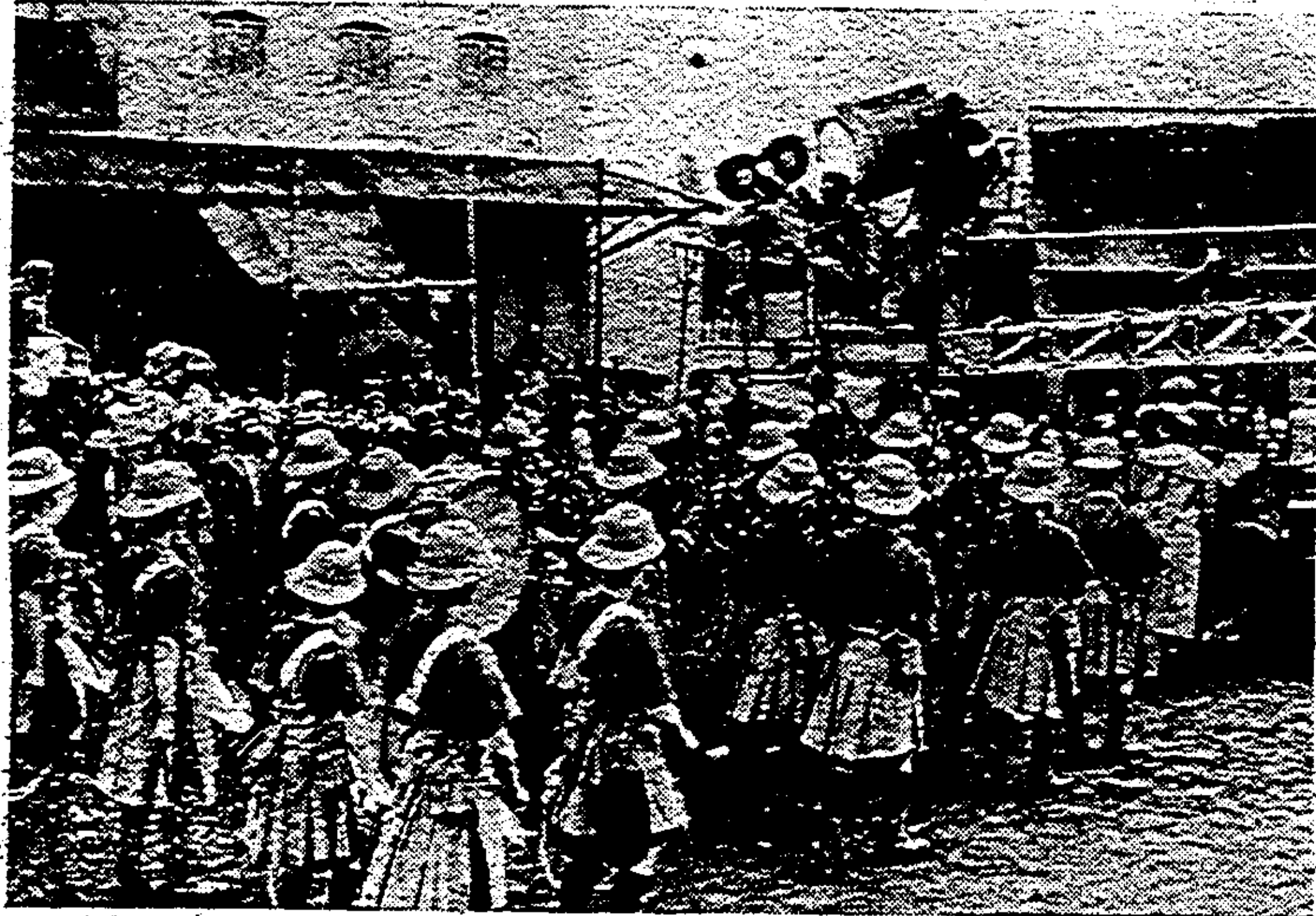
Up to a late hour yesterday afternoon, the s.s. Forafric, which is aground on the Paracels, had not been refloated.

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they are really calculated to strengthen international confidence and make the League more capable of fulfilling the aims of the Covenant. It follows we will join in no anti-Communist and no anti-Fascist bloc. It is a nation's foreign policies and not their internal policies which concerns us. We offer our co-operation to all, but we will accept dictation from British Wireless.



The Joint Council of the Fire Brigades throughout England held a Conference at Cheltenham last month. Many fire fighting demonstrations were given. Photo shows—An asbestos fire resisting suit which was being demonstrated at the Conference. (Fox Copyright).



Strange scenes are to be witnessed at Denham during the filming of Kipling's "The Drum". Ex-Servicemen in tropical kit representing the Gordon Highlanders, and plenty of real natives for the Indian scenes, make it difficult to realise one is not really in India. Photo shows—Filming the "Gordon Highlanders" on the set at Denham. (Fox Copyright).

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Mr. Eden Would Travel The World To Achieve It

London, To-day

Answering Opposition attacks on the Government's policy vis-a-vis the League, and particularly with reference to the Far East, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said in the House of Commons yesterday that his assailants did not appreciate the position the United States occupied at Geneva, and the position they would occupy at Brussels.

ANY ACTION, OF WHATEVER CHARACTER, WOULD DEPEND ESSENTIALLY ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

"In order to get the full co-operation on an equal basis of the United States in an international conference, I would travel not only from Geneva to Brussels but from Melbourne to Alaska, particularly in the present state of international affairs."

An Opposition question asked whether in the Far Eastern situation we would go as far as the United States, not rushing in front and not being left behind.

"We realise the difficulties in the Far Eastern situation," replied Mr. Eden.

NO ENVY

"I go to Brussels anxious to contribute what little lies in my power in a situation in which nobody could envy a Foreign Secretary today."—Reuter.

the chief officer, who made the report to the Police, was very agitated and the matter might have become serious.

Defendants were remanded for 24 hours so that evidence might be taken from the Chief Officer.

INCIDENT ON BOARD THE FATSHAN

Twelve coolies by the surname of Tse were this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with disorderly conduct on board the s.s. Fatshan last night.

Inspector O'Donovan, who prosecuted, said that the coolies went aboard the ship last night, sat down on a cargo of oil and refused to let the ship's regular coolies unload the cargo. For two hours they refused to let any work be done.

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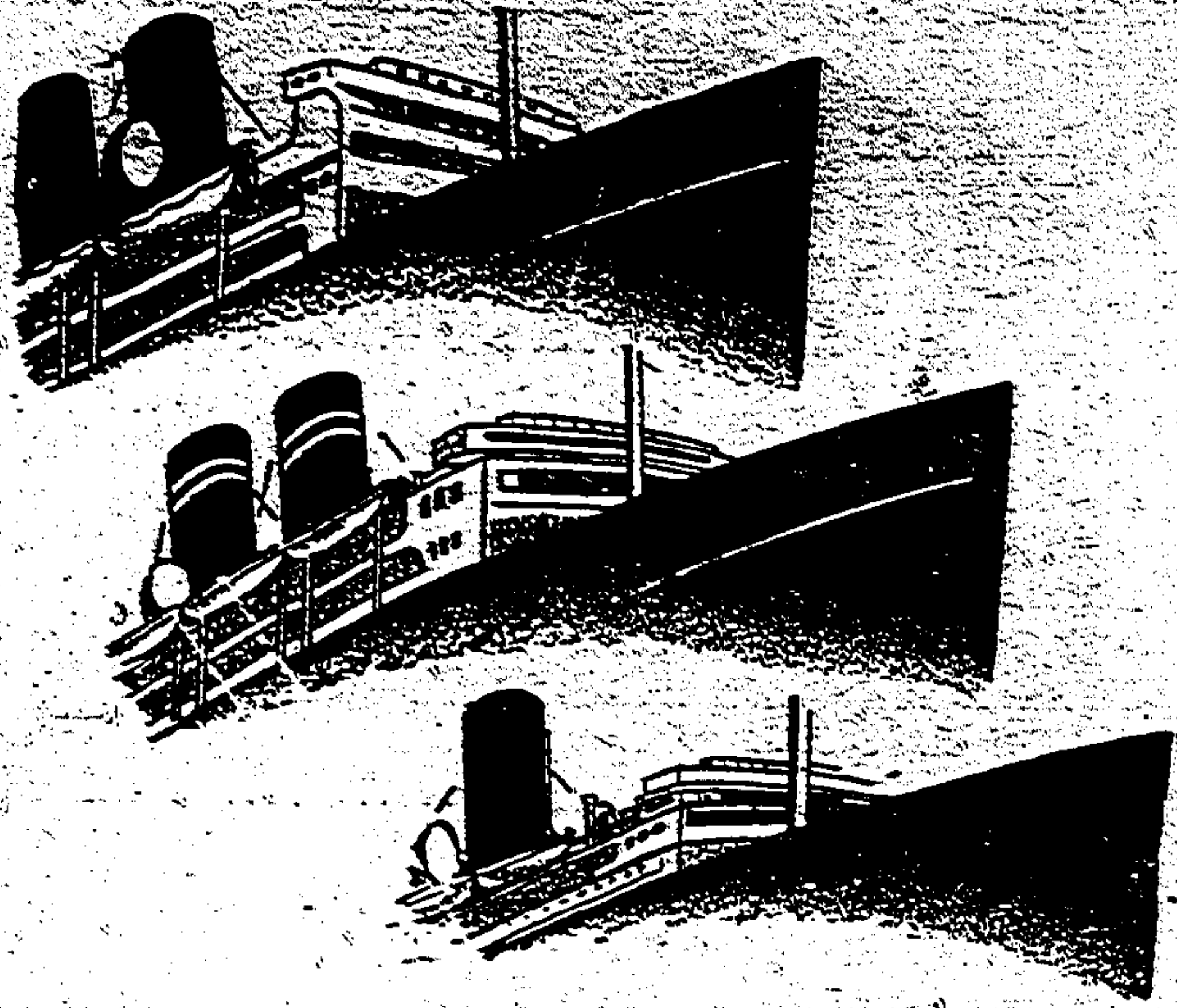
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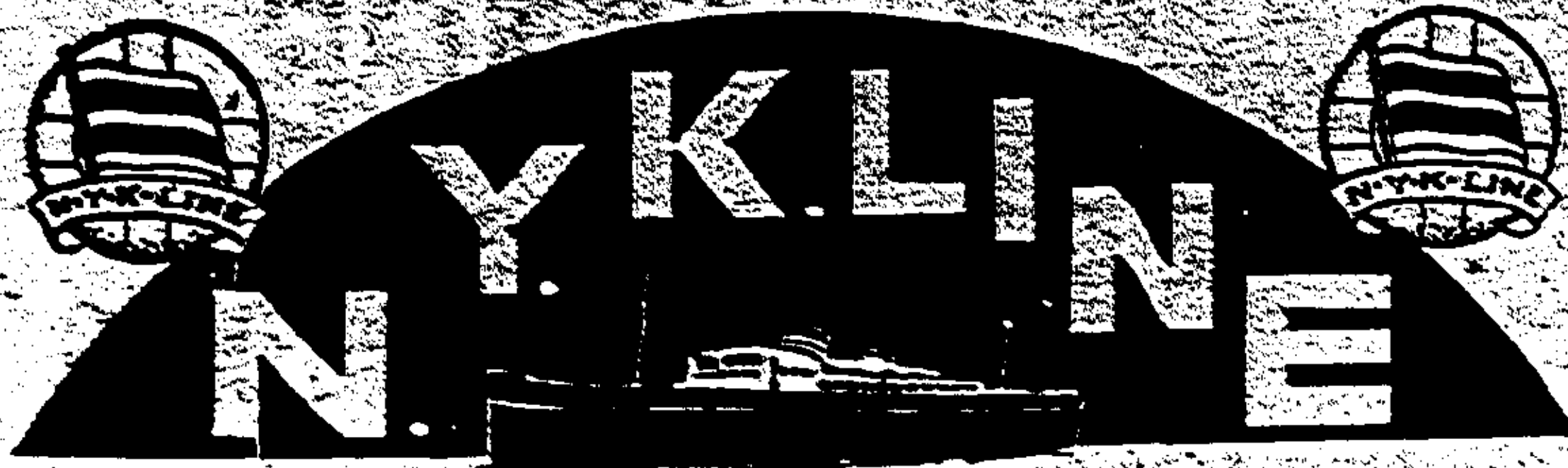
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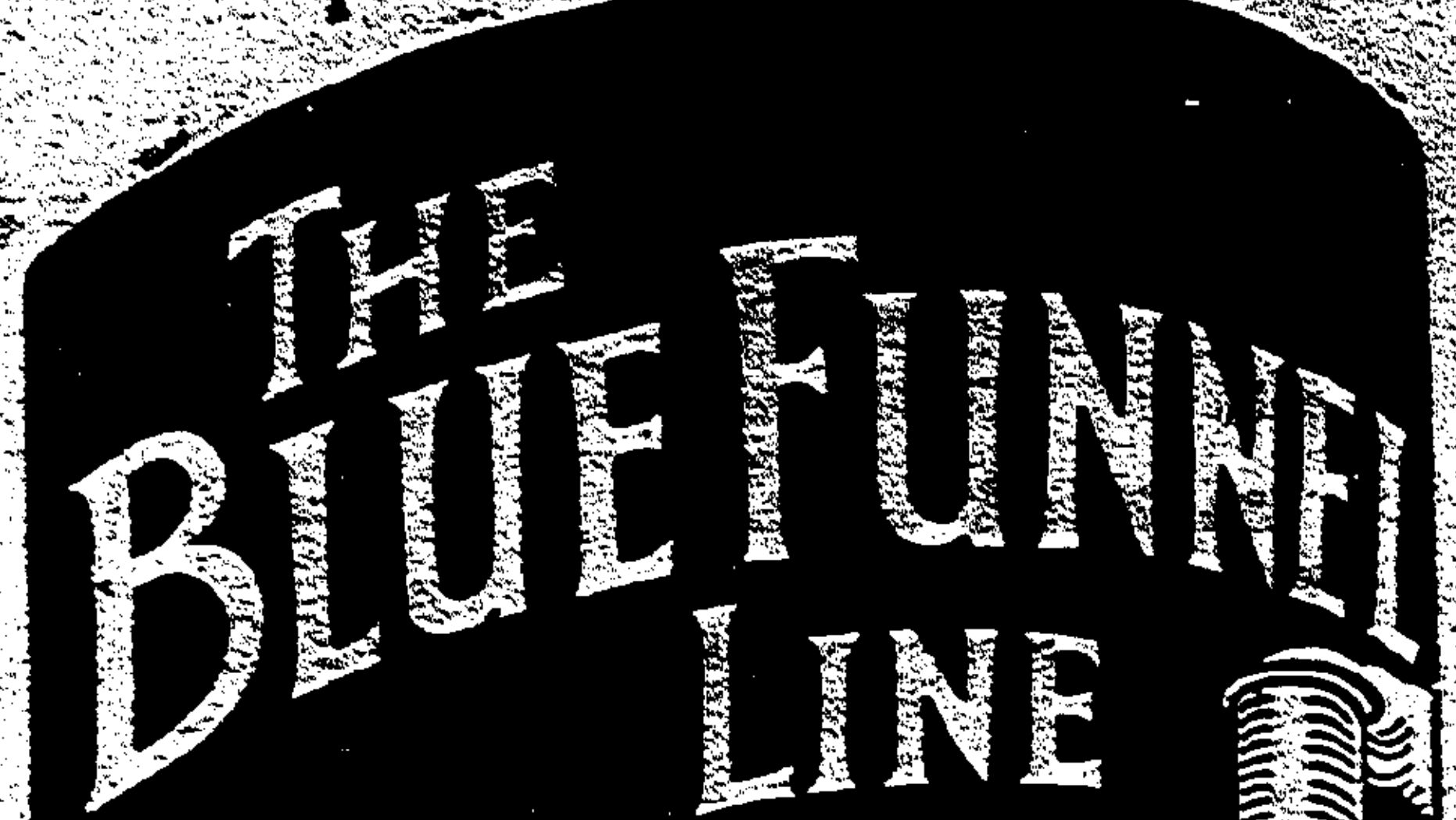
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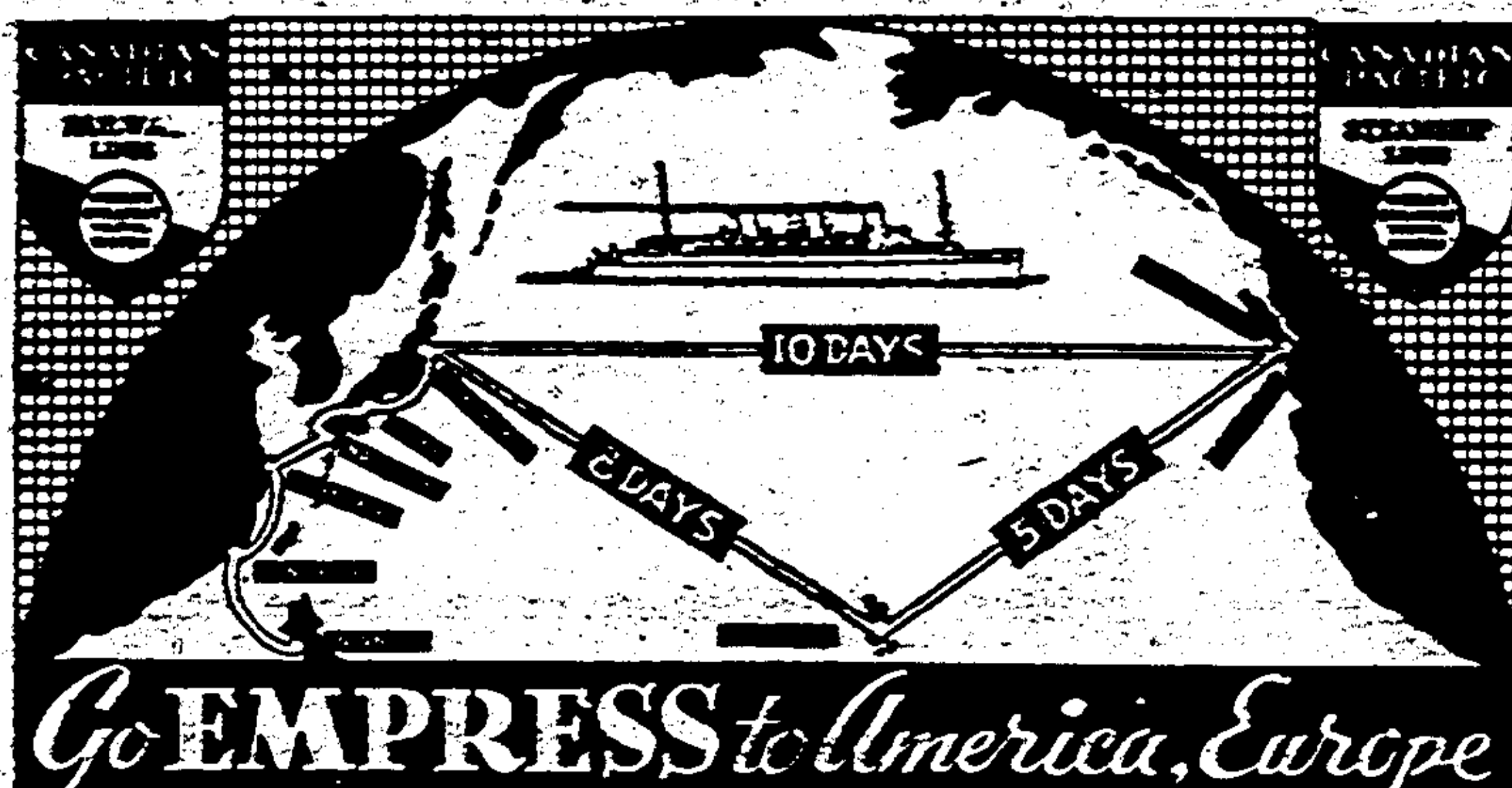
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GIRLS' PERILOUS JOURNEY

Hankow To Tsingtao
By Railway

How a lone girl braved the dangers of a perilous train journey up country, and then a boat trip to Shanghai, was related to a representative of the "North China Daily News" when the s.s. Leesang docked at the French Bund at 1.30, bringing on board Miss Rina Fox, the girl who made the trip.

Miss Fox, who is to entertain at the Tower Night Club of the Cathay Hotel, related her experiences thus:

"I left Hankow on the fourteenth of this month," she stated, "and set off for Tsingtao by train to try and reach Shanghai. The first stop was Chengchow, where there was a passport examination. The officials were all very courteous, but they had to be particularly careful as it was rumoured that spies were on the train. There was heavy rainfall at Chengchow and the station was thick with Chinese soldiers with guns and supplies, presumably on their way north to reinforce Taiyuanfu. At Chengchow I joined a party of two women, three men and a child. That made me feel more secure.

JAPANESE AIR RAIDS

"From Chengchow, after sleeping at the station where there were sick and wounded soldiers, we started off to Suchowfu which appeared to be a centre of great military activity. Japanese planes appeared twice during the course of the trip of Tsinanfu, and the train had to stop while the passengers sought shelter in near-by fields. That was the most exciting part of the journey, and the most unpleasant, for when I got back to the train after the second raid I found my handbag and personal property stolen, leaving me only two dollars in cash. There was a shortage of food during that part of the trip which made it all the more unpleasant.

"The last lap of the journey was from Tsinan to Tsingtao and was most worrying, for when I arrived in Tsingtao I had no money at all.

SHORTAGE OF SAND FOR BUILDING

Building construction in the Colony will come to a complete standstill soon, if the shortage of sand continues.

Contractors are to-day able to buy only inferior sand, unfit for building purposes.

The Hong Kong Contractors' Association, and Chinese contractors of the Colony, recently held a meeting when the situation was discussed. It was then decided to draw the attention of Government to the shortage.

The supply of sand is controlled by the Government. Special junks put out to sea and bring in the sand which is afterwards sold to building contractors.

It was learned from the Director of Public Works this morning that during the typhoon most of the sand-junks were lost or destroyed. The situation is, however, becoming normal and contractors will soon be able to get sufficient supplies.

FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR WAR LOSS

Ship Not Torpedoed

Capt. Freeman Hatfield, a Canadian skipper, has been found guilty of obtaining by false pretences the sum of \$14,255 as war reparations.

He had claimed that the vessel Gypsum Queen was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast during the war, and on that basis collected reparations. Further investigation showed that the vessel was abandoned in a storm.

The jury recommended Capt. Hatfield to mercy.

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JAPAN'S GRIP ECONOMICALLY ON MANCHURIA

Tokyo, To-day.

With the object of concentrating all Japanese industrial interests in Manchukuo, a holding company has been formed with a capital of 450,000,000 yen, according to press reports.

The reports add that 50 per cent. of the company's capital has been subscribed by the Manchukuo Government and the remainder by the State-controlled Japanese organisation "Nippon Sangyo," whose president will also be the head of the new holding company.

Among other enterprises, all industrial undertakings organised by the South Manchuria Railway Company will be transferred to the new body.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

BANKS

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Hong Kong Bank \$1580 b.

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Cantons Ins. \$250 b.

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China Lights (Old) \$11.60 b., \$11.70

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JAPANESE REPRESENTATION TO SOVIET

Tokyo, To-day.

It was learned from reliable Japanese sources last night that Prince Konoye, the Premier, has made strong representations to the Soviet in connection with the Manchukuo border incidents.—Our Own Correspondent.

GOAL DUST EXPLOSION

Paris, To-day.

Four miners were killed and one gravely injured in an explosion of coal dust at Denain, in North France, yesterday.

One of the injured is not expected to live.—Trans-Ocean.

SENTENCE ON NAZIS QUASHED

Berne, To-day.

The Supreme Court of Switzerland has quashed the sentence passed by the lower court on two Nazi leaders who were charged with publishing articles in the press calculated to stir up Fascists against Jews in Switzerland.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ADMIT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEATHS

London, To-day.

A Japanese Embassy statement acknowledges that the death of three British soldiers near Jessfield Park in Shanghai was due to Japanese shells.

Steps will be taken to deal with those responsible, adds the statement, and provide compensation.—Reuter.

TYRE PRODUCTION CURTAILED

New York, To-day.

The "Wall Street Journal" says that production of tyres has been curtailed all over the country as a result of an increase in inventories in September, together with a greater seasonal decline in October business and the beginning of the dull season.

Trade sources estimate that inventories in September moved up to nearly 12,000,000 casings from about 11,250,000 on September 31.—Reuter.

CANVAS BRIDGES

Chinese Claim Final Mastery

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese succeeded in crossing the Soochow Creek by means of canvas bridges at three points yesterday, but after effecting the crossing under cover of intense artillery bombardment and air bombing, they were immediately engaged by Chinese troops at Toyoda Cotton Mill, Liuchiachek and Chow-chiachek, where fighting was intensified after nightfall when more Japanese troops crossed. The Chinese succeeded in destroying some of the canvas bridges thrown across the creek and have isolated the invaders at different points.

It is officially claimed that most of the invaders who crossed the creek have been disposed of, and that the Chinese front line along the south bank remains intact.—Hua Nan.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2½.

"Spot" silver was quoted at 19½% and "forward" at 19%.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £-US\$4.9815 and the New York on London rate at £-US\$4.963/16.

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FUSILIERS' MAMMOTH RUGGER WIN

SWAMP SHANGHAI CLUB XV, 58-0

FLOYD, KELSHAW AND JONES SCORE REPEATEDLY

FORMER H.K. TEAM DAZZLES NORTHERNERS

Shanghai, October 24.

THE Royal Welch Fusiliers showed their rugger strength for the first time yesterday afternoon when they "walked over" a club side by no less than 58-nil. The club, not anticipating such strong opposition so early in the season, had fielded an admittedly weak team, but the game served its purpose in showing Shanghai rugger men what they may expect from the Fusiliers team, who, despite the fact that this was their first match this season, are already well together as a team, and individually, in pretty good training.

THE WELCH BACK DIVISION IS EXCEPTIONALLY FAST, POSSESSING IN FLOYD, KELSHAW AND JONES, THE THREE EASTEST SPRINTERS IN THE BATTALION. "47" JONES SCORED FIVE TRIES, AND FLOYD AND KELSHAW THREE AND ONE RESPECTIVELY.

The last named revealed himself as a place-kicker of exceptional ability, as he, on one occasion, put the ball straight between the posts from a position almost on the touchline, and with the sun shining directly in his eyes to make it more difficult still.

The Welch forwards, considerably outweighing their opponents, bound tight and low and had a decisive advantage in the scrums, while they played a fast, aggressive game in the open, backing up their three-quarters well and killing at birth almost every attack made by the opposing side's backs.

Club XV Holds For While

The club forwards staged a brief rally in the second half and for some time maintained a stubborn defense almost on their own line, occasionally breaking away with the ball at their feet but being stopped every time before they had got very far. They were further handicapped shortly after the resumption of play by an injury to one of their number which forced them to finish the game with only fourteen men. There were altogether three injuries, the last being to less than Fusilier Bagby, Hong Kong's light-heavyweight champion.

Soldiers Press From Outset

The Fusiliers were pressing from the start, and it was not long before they scored. A kick ahead brought the ball well into the Club twenty-five, and from a scrum soon after, Floyd received a pass which sent him across the line for the first try. Five minutes later, Floyd cut his way through after a long run, but his pass was knocked on. The pressure was maintained, but it was not long before the Welch forwards had created an opportunity for Kelshaw, who scored near the corner flag. The kick failed.

The third try was the result of a fine three-quarter movement

which worked like clockwork, L/Cpl. "47" Jones just getting by the opposing wing three-quarter. It was here that Kelshaw kicked a very good goal from a difficult angle, bringing the score to 13.

Play settled down near the touchline just inside the Club half for a short time, but finally the Welch forwards succeeded in getting the ball back cleanly, and after a short passing movement Phillips scored the fourth try, which Kelshaw converted. Again a remarkably good kick.

26-0 At Interval

Two more tries came before half-time, from Floyd and Wilkins. Floyd ran half the length of the field to score, and grounded the ball between the posts. Kelshaw converted one and was a bit short with the other. The first half ended with the score at 26-0.

Early in the second half the Club team was reduced to fourteen by an injury, but strangely enough seemed to be stimulated by this misfortune. Their forwards put on a spurt and for a time really seemed to be holding their own. The play was never out of their half, it is true, but for quite a while they maintained a stubborn defense which held up the sweeping attacks of the Welch back division time after time.

Fusiliers Again Run Wild

But Messrs. Floyd Kelshaw and Jones were not to be denied and it was the last of the trio who next scored, running close to the touchline and crossing near the corner flag. Kelshaw brought off another of his long distance place-kicks, this one being right on the touchline and facing the sun, Jones scored two more tries in quick succession, but neither was converted.

Then came a period when the Club made another rally and held off the Welshmen by hard tackling and short rushes up the touchline. It was during one of these sallies, however, that the ball went



Fus. Floyd, well-known in local rugger circles, played a prominent part in the huge victory of the Fusiliers over the Shanghai Rugby Football Club.

IMPORTANT RUGBY FIXTURES

Interport Venue May Be Altered

(By "REFEREE")

This season's Triangular Tournament Rugby matches are as follows: Saturday, December 4, Army v. Navy (Navy ground, 4 p.m.); Saturday, December 11, Club v. Navy (Club ground, 4 p.m.); Saturday, December 18, Club v. Army (Army ground, 4 p.m.); Saturday, January 1, Club v. Navy (Navy ground, 4 p.m.); Saturday, January 8, Army v. Navy (Army ground, 4 p.m.); Saturday, January 15, Club v. Army (Club ground, 4 p.m.).

Other important Rugby dates are Saturday, January 29 Club v. Shanghai R.U.F.C., and Monday, January 31, United Services v. Shanghai R.U.F.C. I understand, however, that the Colony may make the trip to Shanghai instead of Shanghai coming here as according to schedule. Saturday, February 5, H.K.V.D.C. v. the Army, Saturday, February 12, First Round of International Tournament, Saturday, February 19, Final of International Tournament, Saturday, February 26, First Round of Sevens; Wednesday, March 2, Second Round of Sevens; Saturday, March 5, Final of Blarney-Stone Sevens.

astray and L/Cpl. Chaney dribbled through, picked up and scored. Carlisle converted the try into a goal. Then Jones scored his fifth and last try, bringing the score up to 45. Floyd and Chaney secured one more try each before the close of play, the first rounding off a long passing movement and the latter cutting through from a line-out. The last try was scored by Fus. Morgan, and the final score was 58-nil.

The teams:—

Royal Fusiliers:—Berry, L/Cpl. Jones, Kelshaw, Phillips, L/Cpl. Wilkins, Floyd, L/Cpl. Bruton, Cpl. Carlisle, Lt. T. A. G. Pritchard, Fus. Morgan, Cpl. Bebb, L/Cpl. Chaney, Cpl. Davis, L/Cpl. Powell, Fus. Bagby.

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J. RALSTON ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Interport F.A. Match Doubtful

The election of Mr. J. Ralston, as Civilian Vice-president of the Hong Kong Football Association and the advice that the Royal Navy were not able to compete in the League this season, but were prepared to participate in the Shield Competitions were the principal business at the monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Association held last night in the Association offices, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Pryde.

Other members of the Council present were:—Messrs. Wong Ka-tsung, Chan Hing-yung, H. A. R. Major, J. Skinner, J. McKelvie, C. Goldenberg, Lieut. Rice Evans, Lieut. G. McLaglen, Lieut. Allen, Mr. W. Alexander representing the Treasurers, and Mr. E. D. Carter, Hon. Secretary.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association inviting the Hong Kong to send a team to play the Interport fixture in January or February, but a member questioned whether it was right to do so in view of the uncertainty of the future and the fact that Government did not encourage people to go to Shanghai at the present time. It was decided to accept the invitation, subject to there being no objection by the Hong Kong Government.

It was decided that the Annual Poppy Day charity game between the United services and the Rest of the Association be played on the Club ground, and that the First Round of the Governor's cup competition be played on Saturday, November 13, at Sookanpoo Ground.

DRAW MADE FOR SHIELD SERIES

The draw for the First Round of the Shield competitions were made by the Management Committee last night and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR SHIELD

Club v. Eastern
Police v. South China "A"
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon
The following drew byes:—Navy, Middlesex, Seaforths, South China "B", Kowloon Chinese.

JUNIOR SHIELD

Engineers (C.) v. Service Corps
5th A.A. Bde R.A. v. Eastern
Medicals v. Engineers (E.)
The following drew byes:—Seaforths, Club, Kowloon, Navy, Kwong Wah, Police, Middlesex, South China, Ordinance, Portuguese Sporting Association, University, Air Force and Royal Corps of Signals.

HOCKEY ASSN. COUNCIL MEETING

The first regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, will take place on Thursday, November 4, at 5.30 p.m., in St. Andrews Church Hall.



W.B. Farnes

JOE
LOUIS

Joe Louis, above, already one of the richest of the present day heavyweights, does not intend spending his hard won gains by careless expenditure.

EASY COME AND VERY— EASY GO!

BOXING CHAMPIONS' FORTUNES SWEEP AWAY

(By JIM DONALD)

FAME and fortune are the hand maidens of modern pugilism. The financial goose hangs high for the successful gloveman. Every novice boxer carries in his kit-bag a blank passport to riches and renown. To-day's private of pugilism may be the marshal of the mitts to-morrow.

Of all the commercialised sports and pastimes, professional boxing offers the richest reward. Abraham Lincoln and Joe Louis were born in hillbilly log cabins. There the resemblance ends. Lincoln chose politics as a career, won deathless fame, and died poor. Louis became a champion pugilist, and at this writing can scribble and cash a cheque for £100,000.

The moral is obvious.

Abraham Lincoln was born 100 years too soon. Nowadays, with his commanding height and reach, and athletic prowess—he was the best wrestler and rough and tumble fighter in Illinois—"Ole Abe" would be besieged by supplicating managers, eager to present him as a heavyweight "White Hope."

Too bad he lived and died before the fistic goose started to lay golden eggs.

But to get back to Joe Louis. Three years ago he hadn't a dollar in his name. To-day he is rich and famous. His first pair of shabby boxing gloves proved to be twin lamps of Aladdin. Fame and fortune are his.

PLAYS IN JAZZ BAND

The former will endure, but Dame Fortune is a fickle jade where champion pugilists are concerned.

Her smiles are quickly changed to frowns, especially where coloured holders of world boxing titles are concerned. Jack Johnson, a greater champion than Louis, earned a fortune in the ring. Where is that fortune to-day? It vanished in the

bagnios, casinos, and race-tracks of the old and new worlds. "Lil Arthur," himself soured, disappointed, broken in fortune, earns a precarious living as a member of a jazz band.

Sam Langford, the "Tar Baby," and Johnson's most formidable rival, is a pensioner on food relief in New York City.

George Dixon, "Little Chocolate," and Joe Gans, the "Old Master," world champions both, reaped a golden harvest when in their prime. Neither made provision for a rainy day. Dixon died a pauper and the bounty of sportsmen smoothed the way of the "Old Master's" passing.

Joe Walcott, "Barbadoes Demon," the most destructive welterweight in the history of the game, is a humble gym sweeper, in Chicago. Peter Jackson, greatest of all coloured pugilists, hadn't a penny when the "Grim Reaper" mowed him down.

EASY COME—EASY GO!

Of all the great glove champions and world title-holders since glove fighting became the fashion, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney alone

MIDDLESEX DETAIL REACH SINGAPORE F.A. CUP SEMI-FINAL DEFEATED BY CHINESE IN LAST MINUTE

The following account of the Singapore F.A. Cup semi-final is very interesting in view of the fact that the Middlesex team which lost to the Straits Chinese team, were comprised from the detail left behind in Singapore when the Battalion was ordered to Hong Kong and speaks volumes for their prowess.

(By NIMROD)

Singapore, October 13.

Chinese 2 Middlesex Regt. 1

THE first eleven of the Chinese are in the Singapore Cup final! They beat the Middlesex Regiment (Singapore Detail) by 2 goals to 1 yesterday, their winning goal coming in the classic minute before the end, but at one stage, the hundreds of spectators fully expected them to lose. For 50 minutes they played lackadaisical and poor soccer, beaten time and again by lively Middlesex attackers and defenders who went all out.

WITH THE TYPE OF SOCCER THEY WERE PLAYING FOR THAT PERIOD IT WOULD HAVE RICHLY SERVED THE CHINESE RIGHT IF THEY HAD BEEN DEFEATED. MEAN-TIME, THEY WERE FACING A ONE GOAL LEAD BY THE MIDDLESEX. THEN CAME THAT CHANGE WHICH STEALS OVER A TEAM WHICH IS FIGHTING WITH ITS BACK TO THE WALL, BUT WANTS TO WIN. THEY RALLIED, AND THEY EQUALISED, AND THEN THEY BECAME SUPERIOR, AND FINALLY THEY WON.

And the Middlesex had to acknowledge that in the last ten minutes they were fighting against a team much superior to them, against a team which was passing better and aiming better than it had done in the previous 50 minutes, and against a team which was unbeatable in that mood.



retain the wealth they earned with their fists.

Dempsey lost a lot of money in wild-cat speculation, but had saved enough to purchase a large annuity. With what was left over, he opened a cafe, across the road from Madison Square Garden. It became the mecca of the sportingly inclined, and works out at a steady \$10,000 a year profit. So Dempsey is sitting pretty.

Tunney's wealth is estimated at \$500,000. Nowadays the former New York shipping clerk is a social registrate (he married a niece of Andrew Carnegie) and ruffles as a country squire, in exclusive Long Island, and is angling politically for a State Governorship. The boy has brains.

CARPENTIER'S STORY

Georges Carpentier, Jimmy Wilde, and "Bombardier" Billy Wells won fortunes with their fists, only to lose them when they pitted their brains against company and business sharks. Dapper Georges, after floundering on the financial rocks, caught a life-line when he chanced the remnants of his fortune in the opening of a bar on the Champs Elysees.

It returns him a comfortable in-

come and he is content. Quite recently Carpentier informed an English interviewer that he had earned \$30,000 in the London ring alone. "At the age of nineteen," said Georges, "I was worth \$40,000. Tex Richard paid me \$50,000 for my fight with Dempsey. When I hung up my gloves I had \$200,000."

Up to the last ten minutes, the only players among the Chinese who lived up to form were John Then and the two wingers James Goh and Kee Siang. The last two won the match for the Chinese.

Until those last ten minutes, the Middlesex had all the limelight—and deserved it. They pity is that they were unable to take their chances and win.

More Goals. It was unfortunate that the Middlesex forwards did not go up as a line, otherwise they would certainly have scored more goals.

The insides lay too far back—helping the defence and were unable to recover ground in order to help Dean Denham, and Grogan who were all game opportunists.

come and he is content.

Since I retired I have lost the greater part of my fortune in rash and ill-advised speculations."

INDIAN SQUASH CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE

WANTS TO MEET
F. D. AMR BEY

BOMBAY GYMKHANA WILL BACK HIM

London, September 30.
A feature of the coming squash rackets season will be the visit to this country of Minochar Jamsetji, the best squash player in India.

He is the son of J. Jamsetji, the famous Parsee rackets player who in 1903 defeated Gilbert Browne for the rackets championship, which in 1911 he lost to the late Charles Williams.

Jamsetji, who is being backed financially by the Bombay Gymkhana, is anxious to challenge first for the professional championship, held by James Dear, and, if successful, for the Open title held by F. D. Amr Bey. This will not be possible this year, as Jamsetji is not expected here before Christmas.

The Squash Rackets Association were prepared to give Jamsetji a try-out against "Oak" Johnson, the famous R.A.C. professional, but as Johnson is not a member of the Professional S.R.A., and Jamsetji is, the match is not possible. Jamsetji

CAMBRIDGE BOAT CLUB'S NEW HEAD

T. B. LANGTON TO
BE CHOSEN

Cambridge, October 5.

The president of the Cambridge University Boat Club, M. P. Lommon, Third Trinity, who recently announced that he would not seek re-election, has called a meeting of college boat captains for Saturday. He will then propose T. B. Langton, Radley and Jesus, as his successor for the term.

Alan Burrough, St. Paul's and Jesus, who was elected secretary last term, will be proposed for re-election to that post.

Langton will be in his third year this term and Burrough in his second. Langton rowed six and Burrough at seven in this year's Cambridge crew, and were also in the Jesus crew that reached the final of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in July.

They will be the first two Jesus men to hold chief office in the University Boat Club since 1921.

will play exhibition matches against leading professional and will compete in the professional tournaments.

VISITORS BREAK THE GOLF BOYCOTT CLUB MEMBERS USE OTHER LINKS

London, October 4.

THE week-end "strike" by members of clubs using Mitcham Common golf course was not so successful as the organisers had hoped. The course was far from deserted. News of the "strike" had spread, with the result that the number of visitors was unusually large. They were tempted by the prospect of being able to drive off without having to wait in queues, as at other London courses.

Many club members, however, who are protesting against the increase in green fees from 1s 6d to 2s a round, and from 2s 6d to 3s a day, played on other courses. On Saturday more than 100 players paid the increased green fees, as compared with about 150 the previous Saturday. Yesterday there were 163, compared with 250 the previous Sunday.



Some of the members pointed out that not only is the course not a good one but players have to be careful of the children, who use it as a playground. Children are prevented, however, from damaging the greens.

USED BY FOUR CLUBS

The course is used by four clubs, Mitcham, Clapham, Croydon and Mitcham Village, and a committee of members has been formed to make suggestions for the improvement of finances by other means than that of increased fees.

The proposals will be placed before the committee of trustees, which controls the course, when it meets in a fortnight.

Visitors said they had enjoyed playing over the course during the week-end because the links were not as crowded as usual. They were not permitted to enjoy the club facilities.

Mr. J. B. Wallace, secretary of the Mitcham Club, said he was confident a satisfactory conclusion to the dispute would soon be reached.

to put down unfair tactics. Spectators don't want that sort of football; the F.A. doesn't want it; in fact nobody wants it."

Later, Mr. Pickford stated: "What I said in my speech has, I understand, been misconstrued as an attack on the Football League. We are both working together in the best interests of the game."

ATTACK ON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

"Unfair Tactics"

London, October 5.

Mr. W. Pickford, newly-elected president of the Football Association, strongly protested against what he called "unfair tactics in professional football" at a dinner in London last night to welcome the return of the amateur team from Australia.

"I am sorry that the shoulder charge has gone out of the game," he said, "but I realise that it is not easy for a referee to discriminate between a fair and a vicious charge. What I would like to see go out is the sliding tackle."

"It is not football, and I am sorry that Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, President of the Football League, is not here to hear what I have to say, so that he could tell his League clubs."

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CARDIFF BEST RUGBY SIDE SO FAR

H.O. EDWARDS IS MAN OF THE FUTURE

M.J. DALY IN LINE FOR AN IRISH CAP?

THE SUPPORTERS' CLUBS IDEA

(By H. B. T. WAKELAM)

London, October 1.

THE Rugby season is now exactly a month old, and, so far, I have been able to watch four first-class matches, three in the Provinces — at Leicester, Northampton, and Bristol — and one in London, Harlequins v. Rosslyn Park.

NATURALLY, ONE CANNOT REASONABLY EXPECT PLAYERS TO HAVE SETTLED DOWN FULLY AS YET, PARTICULARLY IN METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL, WHICH NEVER REALLY STARTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER'S THIRD SATURDAY, BUT ALL THE SAME, THERE IS PLENTY OF EVIDENCE THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO BE GOOD THIS YEAR.

Bedford, especially, were distinctly impressive, with a strong and eager pack, considerable speed and skill behind, and a wise and experienced captain — no small asset in these highly technical days.

But from what I have seen to date, the palm must go to Cardiff, though they were without C. Jones and W. Wooller, who incidentally are expected to make their first appearance, jointly, against Gloucester to-morrow week at Cardiff Arms Park.

PROMISE OF H. O. EDWARDS

Even without these two great artists in attack, Cardiff in the first half produced some really grand stuff against Bristol, young H. O. Edwards showing such promising form that he must certainly be marked down as a man of the future, while the pack seemed well-armed and really serviceable. Their record to date is further proof of their all-round ability.

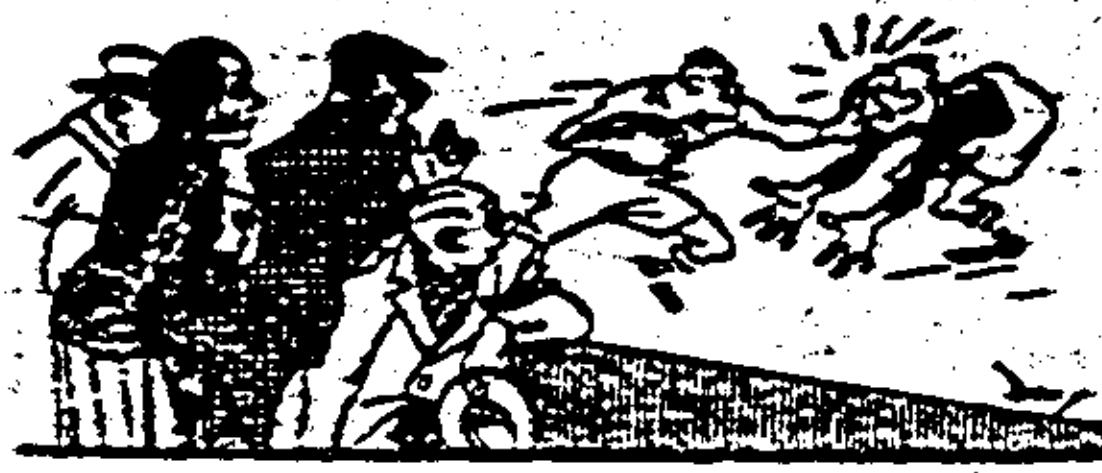
No doubt we shall have further information about the potential strength of two of the big London clubs after to-morrow's game at the Athletic Ground, Richmond, where London Scottish are at home to the Harlequins, though it was a really sad blow for the latter to lose M. J. Daly in his very first game for them.

A heavy shoulder injury is always a nasty thing, but as he was able to get immediate medical attention Daly should be fit to turn out again well before the International Trial times come along in December. Then he is more or less certain to come under close scrutiny. In Moran and Boyle, of course, Ireland already have runners of renown, and it may be interesting to see what happens.

ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

More generally, there is one point which perhaps might bear thought and reflection for the good of the game as a whole — and that is the arrangement of fixtures.

One realises, of course, that it is a matter of great difficulty always to avoid the clashing of important dates, owing partly to the necessity for fixing things up so far ahead, and partly to long-standing "home and away" games played alternately early and late on each ground of the two clubs concerned. All



the same, in these days, when "gates," willy-nilly, have to be considered, it would perhaps be well worth while taking steps, especially in London, for a kind of general all-round review.

SUPPORTERS CLUBS

A further point. It seems odd to me that so far no leading London formation has seen fit to copy the provincial idea of Supporters' Clubs. These admirable institutions have proved of the greatest assistance and value in many cases, and though they may perhaps be condemned on the grounds of producing partisanship, is not that really the due and just privilege of any band of watchers, provided always, of course, that they are not too far carried away by their fervour?

Those of us who are expected to write cool and impartial stories and criticisms are naturally not in the position to allow ourselves to be human enough to applaud our own fellows, but I wonder what a 'Varsity or international match would seem like without that continual roar and counter-roar? If that is not partisanship, I have never heard of it.

FUTURE OF THE CUP FINAL

London, October 5.
The following announcement was made after the F.A. Council meeting. The Final Tie Committee presented to the Finance Committee an interim report regarding the question of future Cup Final venues. The result of the Committee's deliberations to date necessitates further negotiations. These are receiving the earnest attention of the Final Tie Committee and a full report will be made in due course.

F.A. TEAM FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP COMPETITION

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Association against the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the First Round of the Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday, November 13, at Caroline Hill ground.

Rowlands (Kowloon): Webster (Seafarths) and C. Pile (Police); Parker (Police); McKusker (Seafarths) and Evans (Kowloon); Coakley (Kowloon); Saw (Middlesex); Fowler (Club); Howlett (Police) and Tippet (Navy).

Reserves: Costa (St. Joseph's), Bliss (Kowloon), Hussain (St. Joseph's), Pearson (Middlesex), McGuigan (Seafarths).

REST SOCCER TEAM FOR ARMISTICE GAME

The following will represent the "Rest of the Colony" in the Armistice Day Charity Game against the Combined Services on the Club ground on November 11.

Wong Wing (South China); Costa (St. Joseph's) and Lee Ting-sang (South China "A"); Leung Wing-chi (South China "A") (Capt.); Bliss (Kowloon); and Parker (Police); Castilho (St. Joseph's); Fung King-cheong (South China "A"); Fowler (Club); Lai Shui-wing and Han Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: S. Tsang (Eastern), Ulrick (Kowloon), Leonard (St. Joseph's), Lau Hing-choi (South China "A") and Howlett (Police).

LE KSAR'S SIRE DEAD

White Post, Virginia, September 29.

Ksar, the famous French stallion, who sired among other well-known racehorses, Le Ksar, who won the English Two Thousand Guineas this year and became favourite for the Derby, has died at Mr. A. S. Hewitt's Montana Hall stable in Northern Virginia. He was sent to the United States only last year. Mr. Hewitt said that internal haemorrhage caused the death of Ksar, whose winnings exceeded £20,000.

ENGLAND SOCCER XI WILL BE NUMBERED

BIG DECISIONS AT F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

London, October 5.

An England team will be numbered for the first time when England meet Ireland at Belfast on October 23. This was one of many interesting decisions made at yesterday's meeting of the F. A. Council, and suggests a change of policy.

It is understood that all England teams will in future be numbered if their opponents agree. Mr. W. Pickford, the F.A. president, in an interview after the meeting, said: "I, personally, am in favour of the numbering of players in all matches. Of course, I cannot speak for the Council, but I am sure that many of the members see eye to eye with me."

"In a 70,000 crowd I am certain that there are hundreds of people who like the guidance of numbers in helping to identify players."

The England team for the match against Czechoslovakia on Tottenham Hotspur's ground on December 1 will be chosen on November 24. Mr. M. F. Cadman is the member in charge.

The names of the following referees will be submitted to the Czechoslovakian F.A.: E. Uhrlick (Denmark), J. Langenus (Belgium) and P. J. Bauwens (Germany).

WELSH MATCH AT AYRSOME

The England v. Wales international will take place at Middlesbrough on November 17. Mr. H. Walker has been appointed member in charge, and the team will be selected at Cambridge on November 11.

The Amateur international trial on January 1 will be played on Ipswich Town's ground, and the Amateur international between England and Ireland on February 19 on Leicester City's ground.

Mr. W. W. Heard (Middlesex F.A.) was elected to the vice-presidency left vacant by the elected of Mr. W. Pickford to the presidency.

The following officials were appointed for the F.A. Charity Shield match between Manchester City and Sunderland at Maine-road on November 3:

Referee: E. V. Gough (Staffordshire). Linesmen: H. Hartles (Cheshire) and F. Percy (Liverpool).



HOCKEY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the United Hockey Tournament will be held at the Police Training School, Prince Edward Road at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

Melbourne Club Members' Fees Amount To £35,995

Members of the Melbourne Cricket Club and their subscriptions are a tremendous factor in success of cricket in their city. It is shown by the club's annual report of Mr. Hugh Trumble.

The club receipts reached \$44,824, members' subscriptions and entrance fees making \$35,995, an advance of

\$13,660 on the previous year.

Without this annual income the club could never have built the immense double-decked outer stand. It has made Melbourne known throughout the world.

These outer ground improvements ran into \$84,835, mainly secured by the annual revenue from members.

NEW BRITISH FAR EAST BASE

Great Importance To China Squadron

Completion of the British naval base at Singapore raises the possibility that the Nicobar islands, off the northern tip of Sumatra, may assume "new importance as a stepping stone on Britain's way to the Orient," according to experts in Washington.

In the islands is a "magnificent" largely undeveloped harbour capable of shielding half of the British fleet. It is land-locked by three islands "and practically invincible," stated a recent study of the subject.

The harbour referred to is Nankauri harbour, formed by the proximity of three islands. They are Nankauri itself, Camorta and Trinkat. British sources described the anchorage in this harbour as "very commodious." It is described in Washington as "spacious."

Naval experts suggested that the development of any fleet station or even a partial base at such a point would be a significant development not only for Singapore, but the Netherlands Indies, Australia and New Zealand. The Nankauri harbour lies almost exactly half way between Singapore and Colombo, the British naval base in Ceylon. The two bases are 1577 miles apart.

It is suggested that the Nicobar islands form a kind of screen between Ceylon and Singapore.

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GENE SARAZEN ON TOUR OF THE FAR EAST

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Gene Sarazen, winner of the British open golf title in 1932, and a member of the American Ryder Cup team, which easily beat the British team in July, is on his way to the Colony on the President Coolidge, due here this week.

Sarazen, it is understood, is on a world tour and is travelling in a purely private capacity. He will continue on to Manila by the President Coolidge. Officials of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club state that no arrangements have been made for Sarazen to play here and it is unlikely that plans will be made until his arrival.

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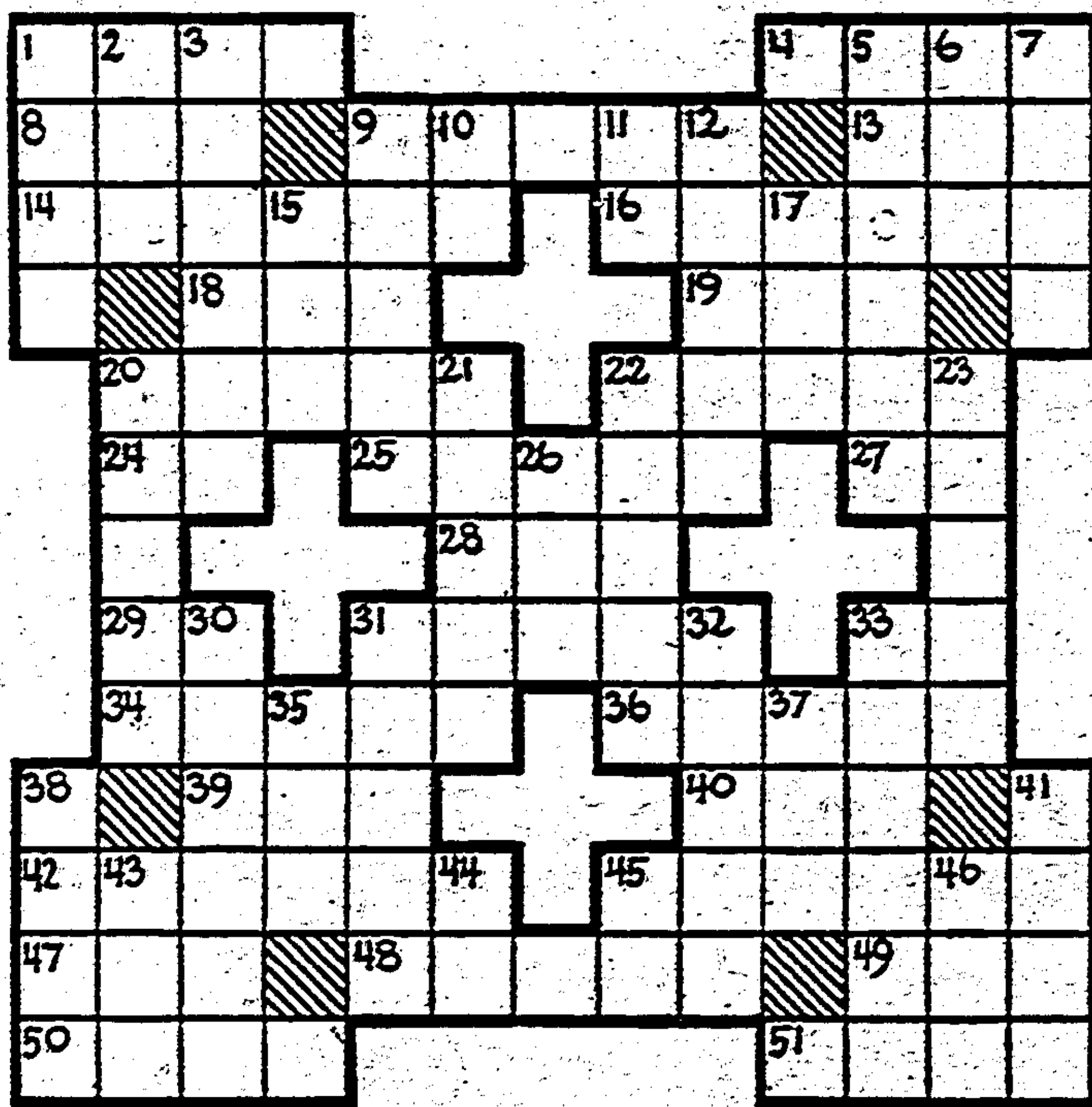
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Was cognizant of
- 4—Decds
- 8—Eternity
- 9—Glide
- 13—Portuguese coin
- 14—Terminating
- 16—Help
- 18—Raw metal
- 19—Girl's name
- 20—Brush a floor
- 22—Damp
- 24—Exists
- 25—Very swift
- 27—Comparative suffix
- 28—Indite
- 29—Depart
- 31—Rod for beating
- 33—Five hundred fifty
- 34—Support for picture

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 35—Drive back
- 39—Small stream
- 40—Part of the body
- 42—Small tables
- 45—Dismal
- 47—Young hog
- 48—Part for one (pl.)
- 49—Born
- 50—Percolate
- 51—Sums up

VERTICAL

- 1—Sharp
- 2—Prefix. Not
- 3—Bestows
- 5—Wrinkle
- 6—Half a score
- 7—The lateral part
- 9—Scoff
- 10—Life Guard (abbr.)
- 11—Father

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Was erect
- 15—Anger
- 17—Prefix. Thrice
- 20—Burn
- 21—Pertaining to the Pope
- 22—Less in extent
- 23—Sing tremulously
- 26—Fondle
- 30—Oars collectively
- 31—Twists
- 32—Approaches
- 33—Insist upon
- 35—Heavenly body
- 37—Prefix. Before
- 38—A serpent (pl.)
- 41—Tints
- 43—To lash
- 44—To this degree
- 45—Act
- 46—Crimson

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in to-morrow's issue.

DO-OR-DIE ORDER IN BATTLE ON CREEK

(Continued from Page 1)

against the Chinese reserve positions along the Lincoln Road.

TALE OF HAVOC

This area has been subjected in the past few hours to probably the heaviest concentration of artillery fire since hostilities began and there is scarcely one brick above another on the property there.

Observers from the Settlement state that the barrage was largely wasted as the Chinese re-disposed their forces shortly before the attack began, some moving up into the greatly harassed front line, others withdrawing to safer zones.

JAPANESE ADMISSION

An official Japanese communique claims that the crossing of the Soochow Creek has been established and that ground is being gained slowly but steadily, though the troops "have suffered very heavily."

Foreign military observers state that several thousand Japanese troops have crossed the Creek since this morning, but hint that their role is principally that of casualty replacement.

Hundreds of bodies are moving slowly down the Creek towards the Whangpoo.

Chinese headquarters state that, while the Japanese effected the crossing, not more than one in three of the forces employed in the operations were left to provide cover fire for the reinforcements later sent across.

It is claimed that at several points, the landing attempts failed completely. Elsewhere, however, a foothold was obtained and consolidated, although violent counter attacks are now being launched.

RELIEF ELSEWHERE

The violence of the operations the effect of relieving the pressure along the Soochow Creek has had on Nansiang and Kwangfu, and the Chinese report this afternoon stated that the troops were taking advantage of the lull to strengthen their badly battered defences. — Our Own Correspondent.

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